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Students take the big plunge

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BY BRIAN PALMER STAFF WRITER

aturday, as dark clouds threatened, a lew Missouri Southern students braved the wind and rain to _ jump out of an airplane.

Free Fall Express, at the Mount Vernon airport, is offering a special to students who would like a experience the feeling of falling from 10,000 feet. The cost is \$89 during the months of April and May, which includes the

eight-hour class, rental of the equipment, the airplane ride, and all the crew responsible for malone a diver's landing soft.

So although it's economical one question remains. Why would anyone want to jump out of an airplane? "Some friends and I talked it over, and we just thought it would be fun," said Angie Hiller, freshman criminal justice major, moments before her first jump. So, we're braving up and going to go do it."

"The first time I ever saw anybody parachute I wanted to do

that," said Phill Johnson, senior biology and chemistry major. "I'll jump twice a week m least. I'm ready to buy my own rig."

Johnson had jumped before, and recently decided to do it again.

Josh Unkie, senior psychology major, had a different outlook on his decision to fall from a great height. "I had a death wish," he said. "I

figured I would get the adrenaline pumping. The hangar was full of nervous students waiting to jump. Many were engaging in soothing activities while waiting for the airplane III get into place. Some were climbing a rope repeatedly, while others sat mildly shaking as Jarred Moore, free-fall photographer,

played a quiet song on his guitar.

"Right now, it's not too bad, but I have a feeling once I get up there it's going to be a lot worse," said Brad Boone, senior computer science major.

Finally, the plane arrived, and the students donned their equipment and loaded into the craft. The ground crew got into position and waited for the plane to circle into position. Then a figure appeared in the gray sky, tailed by a colorful parachute. The ground crew went into high gear. The jumps had begun-

Once on the ground, the students expressed their excitement by yelling and screaming, although some were more articulate.

"I feel good - I plan to do it again," Boone said. "It was just like flying II was awesome."

Unkie echoed the sentiment. "It was a pretty incredible rush."

he said. "It's really scary when you get up there and they open the door and you think, 'Oh my gosh, am I really going to go through with this?" Hiller said. Then you get out there and you just let go, and it's just like

you're the only person in the world. It's

Most everyone expressed an interest in returning for at least one more jump.

"About 98 percent lef the people want to do it again," said Roger Moore, owner of the drop zone. The ones that don't obviously got scared too bad, but they loved it."

Anyone who would like to try skydiving should call Free Fall Express at (417) 886-3866, but beware - it takes a certain kind of person to enjoy this. "You've got to have a little bit of insanity in the corner of your brain In jump out of a plane that's flying along perfectly," Johnson said.



DEBORAH SOLOMONThe Charl

Angela Hiller (also pictured above), freshman criminal justice major, takes a hard landing during her Jump Saturday with Free Fall Express in Mount Vernon. She said friends talked her into jumping.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

'Chart' voyage to set precedent

BY STEPHANIE GOAD ASSOCIATE EDITOR

hen Hong Kong's sovereignty is handed back to China on July 1, two Missouri Southern journalists will be there, pad in hand, to cover

Rick Rogers and Jake Griffin, edi-Lors of The Chart. Southern's campus newspaper. were chosen by Southern's institule of international studies a go abroad this summer to represent the College by reporting events as they occur during the prominent occasion. The duo will then relay stones to the United

States for publica-

history in the mak-



Rogers

Griffin

tion in various newspaper throughout the nation, including The Joplin Globe.

This trip, according to Richard Massa, director of the institute, is an experiment is determine the feasibility of other travel opportunities in the future. He said many other newspapers and colleges around the nation are intrigued that a college would proAssignment:



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vide such an opportunity for student

now that the word has spread," Massa said. Through this travel experience,

"We've had lots of interest expressed

Massa hopes to raise awareness of Southern's international mission. We are hoping for a building ut the awareness that we are internationally

minded and will go to great extremes

to bring internationalism to the lives our students," he said. Griffin, 24, and Rogers, 22, both senior communications majors, were surprised to hear the news in their

upcoming trip to Hong Kong "My eyes bugged out, and my mouth dropped," Griffin said. "Then I looked. at Rick, and he had the same stupid

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CAMPUS SECURITY

Office hopes to cut crime with emergency beacon

BY AARON DESLATTE CITY NEWS EDITOR

issouri Southern students who are in need of security or experiencing automobile problems on campus now have the benefit ad letting their fingers do the walling.

That is, if they're on the north parking lot. The installation of an emergency phone on Southern's north parling lot at the entrance to the Newman Road tunnel was completed April 24. The phone has only one button. which automatically dials campus security and simultaneously activates a strobe beacon on top if the device. During the daytime, the phone will contact the campus security office, while at night calls are received directly in a security cellular phone located in a campus patrol car.

Bob Beeler, director if the physical plant,

FICK RODERS/The Chart

The security phone is located Turn to PHONE, Fact 2A in the College north parking lot.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT -

'Chicket' sweeps all four seats in annual election of Senate officers



Aber

By J.L. GRIFFIN

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Surrent Student Senate vice president Eden Aber attributes her 56-vote victory Phillips in Monday and Tuesday's Student Senate presidential race to her last-minute her opponent upset. electioneering.

The final tally in the race came down to 224 students voting for Aber, while 168 voted for Phillips.

Student Center, Aber stood beside the booth and presented potential voters with information about her campaign. That tactic is closely monitored in most elections. Candidates and campaigns are usually required to remain anyover current Senate treasurer Josh where from \$10 to 50 feet away from the entrance as voting stations. Aber's tactics have

"Prior to Tuesday, I was fairly confident." Phillips said, "I thought I had a very good

But he said when he arrived at the ballot box executive offices. During Tuesday's balloting at the Billingsly to cast his vote Tuesday, he saw Aber standing

nearby, handing out index cards with the advantage of the lax electioneering policies. names of the four women running for office. The "chicket," Phillips said, received an

upper hand from Aber's electioneering. "I was very apprehensive on Monday," Aber

Her decision to do the electioneering, she admits, is likely what put her ahead.

Besides Aber, Senate treasurer Sandy Fisk and senior senators Jill Bever and Melanie Spalding were also elected into next year's

Phillips said he wasn't upset that Aber took treasurer races, respectively. IT

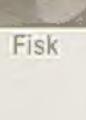
but instead was upset the president was electsil for reasons other than the candidate's prin-

"Nobody that ran is not of sufficient callber." Phillips said

Phillips plans to change Senate election laws

Aber agrees that changes need to be made to the election process.

In the other elections, Spalding and Bever won in uncontested races for the secretary and



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GETTING IN-LINE

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In-line skating and roller hockey are no longer new on the sporting scene, but are still popular among Missouri Southern students..... _page 6A



Reserve Lion quarterback Rodney McClure excels in the final spring practice_page 11A



the docket for future years of the

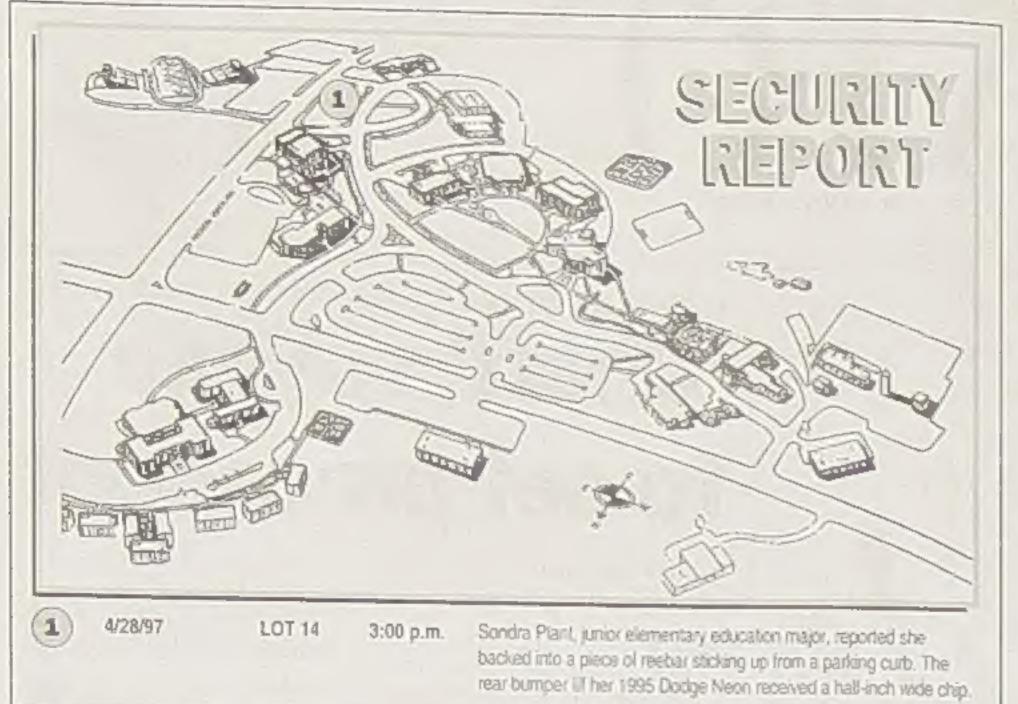
"That way the people normally in

the talent show can concentrate a

full year on the performance," he

Sophomore communications

Spring Fling.



All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

PHONE: Pranking becomes problem for security officers

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says the primary reason for the phone's installation was to act as a preventative measure in campus. crime but that students could also use it when faced with vehicular

"We've taken a lot of preventative measures in the last few years, and this is just another one," Beeler said "If you feel unsafe about any situation, it's an easy way to contact campus security."

Beeler said the phone has been but little actual need. receives.

"Prank [calls] will certainly make prevention officer at Southern. the phone less effective for every-

We'll have to see how the system is respected. If this system proves useful, then we'll consider adding some more phones."

Since activation, the phone has met with increasing student curiosi-

find out how it works."

installed on a trial basis and its . "We've had several people push future is dependent upon the maturi- the button and walk off, but so far we ty of the student response it haven't had any actual emergency calls on it, said Craig Richardson,

> '[Students] may have an idea what it's for, but they don't know the real purpose for the phone," he said. "It's a new toy, and they have to

Richardson said every time the phone is used, campus security is required to respond.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Little support cancels show

BY GINNY DUMOND CAMPUS EDITOR

pring Fling tradition has been broken, as the annual talent show was canceled.

The event, scheduled to follow the Butt Sketch artist on the Campus Activities Board itinerary for Wednesday, was canceled due to a lack of student participation among other things, according to Jason Foster, the CAB's special events chair.

"A majority of the acts were members of the band," he said. "We tried to move the date away from the days the band was on tour, but

there was also a concert Wednes- show may remain permanently off

Though the acts including band members had to cancel, the CAB decided to allow other students to continue signing up. When the CAB saw that only five acts were willing to participate, the show was

Foster said he doesn't think canceling the show will put a damper on the events of Spring Fling week.

"We had a line all day in get butt. sketches, and over 400 people attended free movie night," he said. "And I know there will be a mass of people turning out Friday."

said. "We don't want to take away from Homecoming." canceled.

major Andre Smith was preparing to perform a comedic routine imitating Bill Cosby when he found out the event had been halted.

"I flon't think I really missed out." he said.

"I think the people who didn't get to see what I was going to do Foster also added that the talent missed out." I

TRIP: May reinforce foundation of international mission

From page 1A

look on his face. We were both stunned."

Like Massa, he also believes the trip will serve the purpose of remforcing the College's international mission.

"It is really to inform the school and the community," Griffin said. "It's not only a great opportunity for me and Rick, but we will be doing a great service for the community as well. It will also boost the reputation of the international mission.

Rogers, recently selected Missouri College Journalist of the Year, said he views the trip as an educational experience.

"Jake and I will be experiencing a whole different world," he said 'it

will be a great experience with memories I'll have forever, and I will be able to tie them in with the memories I have of The Chart and Southern.'

During their three-week stay in Hong Kong and cities in mainland China, the two will be covering many of the events that will accompany the switch in government.

They will also write feature articles to capture many aspects of the Chinese culture.

Ottaway News Services has agreed to submit Rogers and Griffin's articles to their 19 newspapers around the nation, including The Joblin Globe.

"Arrangements have been made by contacts in Hong Kong in give them access to a fax machine and

other means Is send their articles," Massa said.

When it comes to safety concerns, Massa said he is confident the two students will be fine.

"My main concern," Griffin said. "is that we will get shut out by the Chinese government, they don't have a long-standing tradition of helping student journalists, and my greatest fear is that the big stories will be shut out and we'll end up putting out a travel guide."

The two will also have the opporlunity to travel to Guangzhou (Canton), Beijing, and Shanghai.

Upon their return to the United States, Rogers and Griffin will publish a special supplement for The Chart that will feature many articles and photos depicting the Chinese culture.

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SENIOR HONORS -

25 seniors receive Dolence awards

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD STAFF WRITER

RETIREMENT -

Prentice

24 years

BY EILEEN COR

biology.

at Southern.

"He's not

going to be

easy to re-

place," said

Dr. John Mes-

sick, head of

the biology

department.

"He has been

truly an out-

faculty member.

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CHART REPORTER

leaves after

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dents has been the most

momentous event witnessed by

Dr. Vonnie Prentice, professor of

He has decided to retire at the

end of the semester after III years

standing and extremely capable

"I admire him most because of

his presence in the classroom.

He's an excellent, well-organized

While II Southern, Prentice took

the Human Physiology and

Anatomy course from sophomore

level to the junior level. It went

from principally an anatomy

course to a course that emphasizes

physiology. He then added the

"Our curriculum has matured

and has become more comprehen-

Prentice says he enjoys watching

students come in the door as

freshmen and leaving Southern as

different individuals. He says he

enjoys seeing "that there was a

change, an education conferred on

these people and to see them go to

professional or graduate school

then come back to us and share

His personal motto is to be "fair,

firm, and friendly." He has tried to

live by that throughout his teach-

"He has a good knowledge of his

subject matter and he's interested

in students," said Wayne Stebbins,

associate professor of biology,

"When one thinks of good college

teachers, I'm sure they'll think of

The Missouri Southern Regional

Fair was established in 1989 by

Prentice, who served as its direc-

tor until 1994. He has been the

adviser for pre-med, pre-dental,

and pre-pharmacy students and

was one of the first members of

the National Association for the

"He's the kind if person who

relates to just about everybody,"

sald Dr. Franklyn Adams, associ-

ate professor of biology. 'He's a

solid and responsible person with

his feet on the ground, and some-

times he sees things we don't see.

He's a resource and will be sorely

missed."

Health Professions (NAAHP).

Dr. Prentice as one of the best."

some of their accomplishments."

Molecular and Cellular course.

Prentice

Missouri Southern presi-

wenty-five students received recognition for outstanding leadership and service at the sixth annual Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Ceremony April 23. From those 25, Autumn Lawrence, senior chemistry major, was honored as the most outstanding leader.

The student services office and Omicron Delto and jazzed athletic spectators as the Lion mascot. She also Kappa sponsor the awards. This year's recipients were chosen by a committee from a pool of 65 seniors who munity service projects, including 4-H. had been nominated by faculty and staff.

The main reason we have this is to honor outstanding students for leadership and service," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "Prior to this, the only honors we had were for academic achievement."

Even though a high grade-point average is not a work together." required for nomination. Carnahan said the nominees are invariably good students.

"The award recognizes service, not just leadership," he said. 'We're looking for people who have contributed a lot to the College, not just someone who looks good on a resume. Some of our winners worked Autumn Ross, Lisa Ross, Debra Schow, Michelle Stonis, as student help and did an outstanding job."

Lawrence said she was both shocked and pleased to Woodard D

win the outstanding leadership award.

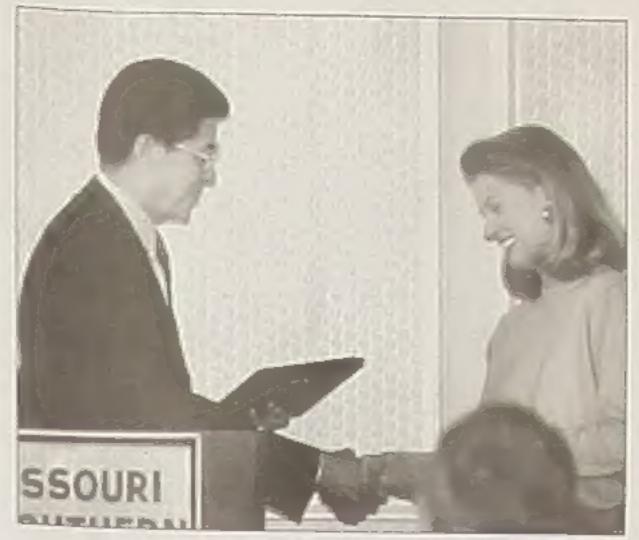
"I know there are a lot of other students who do as much or more than I do," she said. "Sometimes it feels like no one notices your hard work, so it's nice in know that someone recognizes and appreciates it."

Lawrence's campus activities include involvement with the honors program, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Student Senate.

She choreographed music for the flag and dance lines enjoyed working with young people in a variety of com-

"Education is important, but when you go to look for a job, they want to know how you relate to people," she said. Being involved in a lot ill campus and community activities taught me how to deal with people, how to fail and get back up again. I learned how to compete and how

Other students honored were: Andy Adams, Corey Bramlett, Rachal Brown, Jeff Daniel, Brandon Davidson, Erica Doennig, Joey Gann, Robin Geer, Lynell Gilbert, Derrick Good, Elizabeth Lovland, Grant Miller, Suzan Morang, Felicia Morley, Victoria Nelson, Jennufer Pease, Tracy Tate, Beth Warner, Blake Webster, and Kimberly



JOHN SMITH/The Charl.

Missouri Southern President Julia Leon honors Autumn Lawrence, senior chemistry major, with the Most Outstanding Leader award at the Sixth Annual Glenn II. Dolence Leadership/Service Award ceremony.

CHEERLEADERS

receives new 'coach'

By DEBORAH SOLOMON MANAGING EDITOR

he Missouri Southern cheer leaders have a new leader at the helm for the 1997-98 season. Condy Wolfe, intramurals director, has been named the new cheerleading sponsor.

These kids need somebody who is here on campus who will be easier access, Wolfe said. Thad a lot time to think and pray about this position, and I felt like God was telling me m try it and m least give it a shot."

Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, said Wolfe was chosen because of her accessibility.

"We have tried for a number of years in find a way to get the cheerleaders under someone as the athletir department because it helps to have someone on campus," Beard said

The cheerleading squad, under the direction iii Linda Lunow for the past two seasons, was under review, according to Beard. When the opportunity in put the cheerleaders. under an athletic department member arose, the College took it.

"Cindy was available," Beard said. "I think this will be a good move." Although Wolfe has had no expenence as a cheerleading sponsor, she

has been a coach for other sports. "I've had coaching experience, and that is the angle I'm going to take." Wolfe said.

The squad is returning four women and three men and bringing in four new women and one man. I

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Departments schedule geography workshop

nrollment or under way for C Intersession '97, a 10-day session between spring and summer semesters at Missouri Southern.

Courses for one, two, or three credits will be offered during the Intersession, Monday, May 19. through May 30 Final examinations will be administered on Saturday, May 31. No classes will In held Monday, May 26, sa recognation of Memorial Day.

Credit courses are being offered in art, communications, criminal justice, English, physical education, music, nursing, and social ser-

Such courses as world cinema, art education, life guarding, biomedical ethics, and land use survey will be offered.

One-hour credit courses meet 90 minutes each day, two-hour classes meet three hours each day, and three-hour courses meet for four hours each day during the Intersession.

Cost is \$70 per credit hour for Missouri residents, or \$140 per credit hour for non-residents. Additional fees are included in some of the courses that involve travel.

For additional information or inenroll, persons may contact the registrar's office in Hearnes Hall Room 100, or call (417) 625-9389 or 1-800-606-MSSC, O

International Club plans food festival of diversity

Missouri Southern to now enrolling children for the second annual Children's Lifetime Sports Academy. The event will take place June 16-19.

Activities will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day in Young Gymnasium, Southern's athletic fields, the pool at Young Gympasium, Range Line Golf. Bowl East, and Silver Wheels.

The children (ages 8-12) will receive basic instruction in a variety of lifetime sports, including archery, skating, golf, volleyball, bowling. Frisbee, and racquet sports. Children 11-12 will receive intermediate instruction in those sports. Swimming periods will be scheduled daily. Cost of the academy is \$50 per child and includes a camp T-shirt. All equipment is furnished by the Southern department till kinesiology.

To register or for additional information, persons may call (417). 625-9544.

Career services offering seminar for job success

M issouri Southern theatre stu-dents will present eight oneact plays over two nights. Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, in

Taylor Performing Arts Center. Performances begin at 7 p.m. each evening, and admission is

free. The students are members 12 a directing class taught by Dr. Jay Fields, head of Southern's theatre denarument.

On Friday, May 9, performances include Hello From Bertha. directed by Rachel Webb, Reed Springs, a junior secondary education major, The Problem, directed Parade Heidlage, Pierce City, a junior theatre major. The Stonewater Rapture, directed by Debbie Burbridge, Aurora, a sophomore theatre major, and The Tie Thos Binds, directed by Kate Walters, Joplin, a jumor communi-

Student-directed one-act plays performed on Saturday. May 10 will include Dentity Crisis. directed in Carry Stewart, Joplin. a sophomore theatre major: A Way With Words, directed by Shannon Ailey, Grove, Okla., a senior theatre major, Rosemary With Ginger, directed by Imma Curl, Joplin, a senior theatre major, and For Whom the Southern Bell Tolls, directed by Talana Slean, Joplin, junior secondary education major.

cations major.

DON'T DROP ME



RICK ROGERS/The Chan

Peggy Thomas, freshman undecided major, is carted away in a mock EMT drill Tuesday near the Biology Pond. Brent Campbell (right), senior nursing major, moves Thomas with another EMT.

RETIREMENT

'Film guru' decides to fold up director's chair

BY MARILYN HAZBOUN CHART REPORTER

hirty-nine years at one job sounds impossible, but Harrison Kash, assistant professor of chemistry, is a record a variety of chemistry courses. setter at Missouri Southern.

dean of the school of technology in 1992, held the College record with 37 years of service to the institu-

BOARD OF REGENTS -

when Southern was a junior collega.

present location in 1967. An organic chemist, Kash teaches of physical sciences,

James Maupin, who retired as his in Chem 1," said Bill Livingston, associate professor of mathematics and a friend of Kash's. "He was a thoughtful, caring, and precise

teacher. I could relate to him."

Kash, who reures at the end of When Livingston returned to done," he said

this semester, came here in 1958 teach at Southern in 1968, Kash was one of his mentors.

"He totally runs the freshman He assisted with the move to the chem lab," said Dr. Vernon Baramonte, head of the department

Kash orders the equipment and *Back in 1959. I was a student III chemicals. He makes sure experiments are written up, and has written up experiments himself, Baiamonte said

> "He's always taken on these things himself to ensure that it's

When not leaching chemistry, Kash spends time organizing the Missouri Southern Film Society This school year marks the 35th Annual International Film Festival

"The Missouri Southern Film Society actually grew out of a project that was originally handled through the Spiva Art Center," said Gwen Hunt, director of public information. "Spiva needed to go another direction, so the College became the sponsor and Harrison was the guru. [3]

Group discusses keeping pace with technology

BY TAMMY SPICER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

echnology was on the agenda in the Board of Regents meeting Friday. A presentation ■ Jim Gilbert, director

student financial aid, gave Board members a closer look & Missouri Southern's financial aid office.

*Our purpose is to make education available to Gilbert said error rates between paper forms and those who can't afford to go to school." Gilbert electronic were very different in favor of electronic.

Keeping pace with technology is one of the locuses of the office, with 75 percent of student records electronically stored, according to Galbert.

Not only do the updated services speed up the process, but they also help in decrease errors.

"It is interesting in note that 60 to 70 percent if Missouri Southern students receive some form of financial aid," said College President Julio Leon. In addition to having the lowest tuition in the state, an average student pays much less because of institutional monies."

CHART ____ PUBLIC FORUM

FAREWELL COLUMN -

Graduation forces a mix of emotions

eturning to Missouri Southern is definitely among the few things I've done right in my life. Coming back after five years was overwhelming.

The minute my feet hit the campus, I shook with apprehension, wondering if I would fit in with the college crowd without sticking out like a sore thumb. Well, thanks to a certain group of people, I had no trouble fitting in.



Stephanie Goad Associate Editor

They took me, a 27-year-old mother of two. in like an orphaned puppy left on their doorstep and nurtured my interest in journalism. They made me a part of their world. I've learned a lot from this adopted family of mine. In fact, had

it not been for their encouragement along the way, the hour-long commute every day would seem intolerable. They made it worth the drive

The Charties are a group of friends unmatched by anything I've ever encountered. I've never had so many people make such an impact on my life as they have. I love everyone of them: Rick, Nick, Debbie, Genie, Ryan, Ginny, Spice, Aaron, Leslie, Margo, Kevin, Michelle, John, Teresa - oh, and Jake, too. Also lumped in with this altruistic and philanthropic group is our adviser and friend, Dr. Chad Stebbins, who pushed and prodded me through my college career, keeping me on course. Last spring, he and his wife, Debbie, would watch my two boys, along with their three, every Tuesday night so I could design my page. The Charties also braved my children on occasion; they watched them in The Chart office one Wednesday night, while trying to put a paper together, just so I could cover a late-breaking story. Now that is above and beyond the expectations,

The Charties have proven there is still goodness in the world, even among the younger generation. I've watched them adopt a 76-year-old student as a grandma, and I've seen them share a pizza with members of the custodial staff.

don't you think?

They are not your everyday, run-ofthe-mill office clique. Yeah, they stick together, but you'll never find a more receptive group.

Two years ago, graduation seemed cons away, but now I find myself facing my last two weeks.

Graduation will be a glorious occasion; it is something I've anticipated for a long time. But leaving Southern. for me, will be a sad one. I've grown accustomed to my life and my friends

I think the reality hit me the hardest during one of our stall meetings when Dr. Stebbins put a list of next semester's editors and staff members on the overhead projector.

My name, of course, was not there. Not seeing my name on that list was like receiving a stake to the heart.

The thought of not being here to share the next year with my extended family made the tears swell and my heart begin to ache.

They are the security blanket I've been clutching for the past two years, and it will be hard to left them go. Sure, I could turn some of them over my knee or give them a good spanking every now and again, but I

wouldn't trade them for anything. So Charties, please know that I love you all, and as your "pseudo mom," !! you are ever in my neighborhood, there will always be a spot for you at my dinner table. I



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Charl editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Let's end this nonsense

pparently Missouri Southern students just can't grasp the nuances of maturity. To be labeled as an adult, one must take on certain responsibilities and give up activities that could be tagged as misbehaving.

To put this in language which is both simple and concise stop pranking the emergency phone.

If you do not have an emergency, do not touch the little button on the console.

It's that easy.

There is a reason there is only one emergency phone on campus. College officials don't trust the student body to be responsible

They believe the students will generally misbehave and abuse the emergency phone.

So far they have been right.

Students have not shown the proper decorum around the emergency phone. Pressing the button and running off is so utterly juvenile, yet students continue to do it.

What is the thought process of students who do this? Are they curious to see if anyone really will answer?

Well, we have assurances from the administration that it does work. It obviously works, otherwise the security officers wouldn't be so tired of answering the phone and finding nobody on the other end.

Certainly the story of the little boy who cried wolf rings a beil.

Some day there will be an emergency worthy of pressing that button and nobody will pick it up.

Or somebody will prank the emergency phone and tie up the line while another person with a true emergency is trying to dial in.

Another year, another farewell

It's been an intriguing year to say the least. It's almost at an end, and it will definitely be a year many will remember.

Missouri Southern continues to grow with the Anderson Justice Center additions in full swing.

And the much-needed additions and renovations to Spiva Library could be funded next year.

The campus is abuzz with the thought of what the administration has in store for next year's China semester. The two-day Harry and Berniece Gockel International

Symposium was a brilliant precursor to what's on tap. It's not every day this region is allowed to come face to

face with the movers and shakers of the global community. In a mediocre athletic year, we saw two of Southern's finest football players receive national exposure with Richard Jordan being drafted by the Detroit Lions and James Thrash

being asked to play with the Philadelphia Eagles. Additionally, the sports information office is finally under the direction of someone all the media in town can respect. However, this year was not without its upsets.

The unexpected firing of women's basketball coach Carrie Kaifes left a sour taste in the mouth of all who enjoy quality athletics.

Speaking of departures, The Chart will be losing three of its finest editors. Ryan Bronson came to us in 1994 from the northern reaches of Idaho as our managing editor.

He brought this paper to new heights with an uncanny sense of visual flair.

Stephanie Goad's second stint as an editor at The Chart is one that can serve as a guide for future editors.

Nothing was ever too big, or too small, for her to accom-

plish. She was the most dependable of all the editors and reporters on this staff. She is a good example of how a mother-of-two can succeed in collegiate journalism.

Leslie Roberts came up with the wacky idea to start an automotive page.

After the laughter subsided, it became quite apparent it was one of the best ideas ever to hit The Chart. The automotive page, under her guidance, has quickly become one of the most popular pages in the newspaper.

Each of the graduating seniors on The Chart staff will leave a lasting impression on this newspaper, and we thank them for it.

Ryan, Stephanie, and Leslie, thanks for everything and good luck.

FAREWELL COLUMN

I am ready to hang up the book bag

just finished a questionnaire in one of my classes. The class is one Lof those required sophomore classes that I forgot to take when I was a sophomore, and the questionnaire concerned

"How I could be a better student." Needless to say, this is a bad subject to approach a graduating senior with during the last three weeks of the semester, unless he or she happens

to be going to graduate school and actually cares. The question-

naire was filled out quieldy, honestly, and with a modicum of comments; in reality, quite the way I wrote the first draft of this column. It simply said. "It's been fun



Leslie Roberts Automotive Editor

It's time to go. Bye." I showed this draft to The Chart faculty adviser, who said in his droll fashion, "Well, it has to be 550 words. You'd just have to copy and paste it over and over again." So this m the second draft.

I suppose I should say that I'm really sorry to be leaving all this behind, but I can't.

I am certainly glad to have had this experience, and there will be people I know that I will miss, but I can't be too sad.

For the first time since age 5, I will In free to live my life without worrying about school.

I'm going to find a job that doesn't require me to take work home, and it will be wonderful to actually be able to keep the house clean or wash the car occasionally without worrying about what paper I should be writing or assignment I should be doing.

As most al you probably know, I want to work for an automotive magazine. My dream of getting a 1963-67 Corvette Sting Ray roadster for a graduation present probably won't come true unless I get a job at a magazine that can afford to pay starting employees well.

Even if that happens, I'll have to put the car off for a few more years maybe it can be a "having-paid-off-thecollege-loans" present.

But a magazine job almost certainly means moving away.

As I was commuting this morning, Missouri was too beautiful to leave mist was rising off tender fields of wheat, the sun warming the well-tended fields, the sky a piercing shade at blue. After living in this place for 23 years. I do not look eagerly at leaving.

On the other hand, if I stay here, I won't be using my degree in the way I intended.

It's sad to say, but I tried small-town news writing, and I don't like it. I can't help it that I'm not a news hound, I guess.

Possibly the news-hound trait in really genetic, and II you're not born with it, then too bad.

What I really enjoy is experiencing vehicles and then expressing my ppinion about them.

Writing is just part of the fun of producing a publication, though. I enjoy arguing the finer points of grammar and style with people who care, and so many other aspects of publishing.

To really do this, though, I'll have to make some sacrifices - moving away from home, maybe accepting low pay for the first few years - but in the long term, I think they will be worthwhile.

Life's too short to waste on a job you don't enjoy!

CHART

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EDUCATION

HONORS PROGRAM -

Recruits to sign letters of intent

BY RHONDA CLARK STAFF WRITER

Iready framed with students' photos, the bulletin board in the honors program office will soon add new

Today, a record 50 to 55 future freshmen will sign letters of intent in the program in the Billingsly Student Center.

Missouri Southern's honors signing ceremony originated some 10 years ago. Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program; said College President Julio Leon wanted a ceremony with the same tradition as an athlete's signing

'He is well aware that schools have an athletic signing situation bringing is named athletes and athletes with tremendous talent who are going to have an impact on the culture of the college or university," she said. "He believes in that same way, incoming scholars are going to have an impact on the culture and the community of this college."

The expected order of events are the official signing at 11 a.m. followed by a publicity session with local and hometown media. All informal reception precedes a luncheon allowing the future students, to meet current honors students. honors faculty, deans of the various schools, and administrators.

Dr David Ackiss, director of the honors program, will deliver an invitation for students to become a part of the College both socially and intellectually.

Kluthe said Southern actively recruits these top students.

The marketplace for scholars is a wild and complex place at this point," she said.

There are recruiters from every major university and college, not only in the state system, but also in the regional and national system."

Kluthe believes the benefit of recruiting the brightest and best scholars creates a catalyst on a campus to promote academic excellence. She said these students help raise the overall averages at the colleges.

Leadership is another value sought in hopes these students will motivate their fellow classmates to excel.

Nathan Ross, freshman criminal justice major, remembers his signing ceremony in 1996 as being a pleasant and formal ceremony.

He believes he has received many benefits from the honors

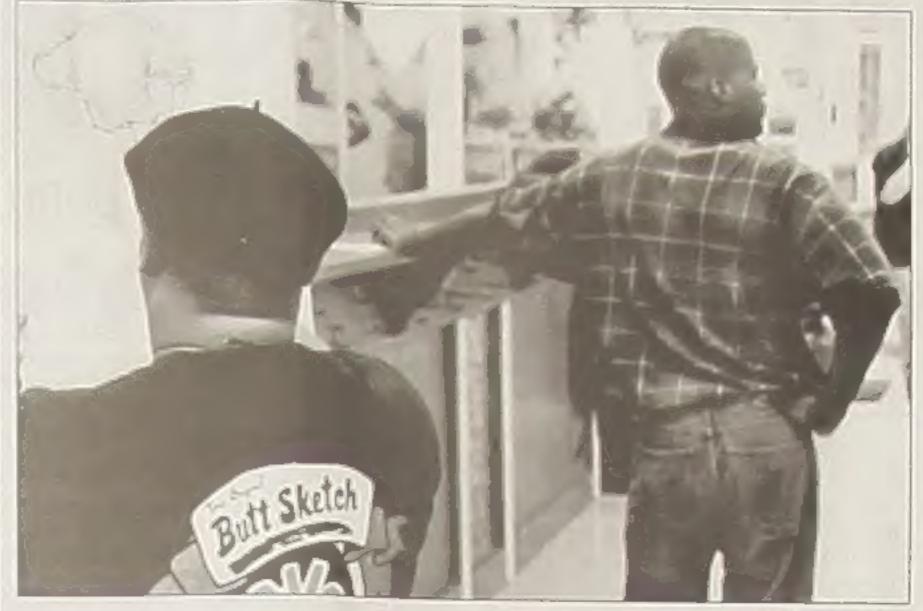
"It helps overachievers and gives them an outlet to where they can By SCOTT HAAR overachieve, he said.

Eligibility for the program is a 28. on the ACT or a 3.5 grade-point

The College usually admits 20 to 40 percent of incoming freshmen who apply for the program, depending on the pool of appli-

"Actually, this year is a big year." Kluthe said. "With 50 to 60 being admitted, it's a banner year. Usually, we admit anywhere from 35 to 40 students, but this year is a special kind of year."

NO 'BUTTS' ABOUT IT



JOHN SMITH/The Charl

Danell Watson, junior computer information sciences major, poses for Krandal Newton, the Butt Sketch Artist, Wednesday in the Billingsly Student Center. CAB provided the sketches to students at no cost.

SOCIAL SCIENCE -

Latin America focus of new course

STAFF STRITER

Nolonial Latin America will be the focus of a new course offered by the department at social science next fall.

However, students enrolled in the class can expect anything but a normal time line and event history

"I did not become a historian because I like III memorize names and dates," said Larry Cebula, assistant professor of history and instructor of the new course. "I want my students to think about why things are and how

on the cultures of Latin America. Cebula said one of the their interaction with the Aztecs, and native labor.

more interesting topics concerns the combining in Spanish conquerors with the natives of ancient Latin America

Cebula said sharp divides did not exist between the races as they periodically occur in modern Western cul-

The people of colonial Latin America were more open In the fact that inter-racial mixing was a part of society," he said. Cebula said class activities will attempt in place students in the roles of persons living during that time.

There will be a lot of non-lecture material including films and slides," he said. "Discussions will also be a part of our course material."

Other areas explored in the semester include the The course will focus on the effects colonization had church in Latin American history, conquistadors and

GEOGRAPHY

This is the last issue of The Chart for the spring semester... See you in the fall!

TO FACULTY AND STAFF



10:45-1:15 FRIDAY MAY 2 FRONT CAMPU

MENU WILL INCLUDE:

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'New' minor receives course enhancement

Students must take 21 hours for minor

BY STEPHANIE WARD EDUCATION EDITOR

Tew classes have been added to help enhance the subject of geography.

The existing geography minor was revised to better reflect the courses and the subject.

Dr. Binita Sinha said the geography minor isn't new to Missouri Southern. She thought it didn't represent the subject of geography.

"It was not a true reflection of the subject," said Sinha, assistant professor of geography.

"It was there, but we just revised

"I don't think anybody was aware that we had a minor," said Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history.

Schmidt said he surveyed geography minors at other colleges and universities in order to have a better idea of what they should do to revise Southern's minor.

The "new" minor will require 21 hours of classes. Students will take 12 credit hours of required "core" classes for the minor and then nine hours from electives in the minor.

These selections will vary each semester.

"Every semester, Regions and Nations and Human and Cultural Geography will be there because these are the core courses," Sinha said, "but then from the electives there are the other courses offered so the student can have the choice III what to take."

The two elective sections have been titled regional and systematic. In regional geography, Sinha said, one picks a place, a region or a country, and studies everything about it. In systematic geography, one takes a topic and studies what it is and how it varies from place to place. She said it is more of a topical study,

Sinha said these two areas will give students more broad or specific areas to study.

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...it gives [students] the opportunity to know and understand the world.

Dr. Binita Sinha Assistant professor, geography

"I think it's worthwhile." Dr. Sara Sale, associate professor of history, said about the minor. "I think it's much stronger. Sale will help teach a geography class in the minor next fall.

Other classes will be taught by Sinha, Schmidt, and Dr. John Knapp, associate professor of geophysics.

Both Schmidt and Sinha said they think the international mission at Southern and the internationalization of the world as well will play a role in the interest of geography.

"Geography is very interdisciplinary, Sinha said. If somebody knows how in draw maps, that in itself will be a big advantage in finding a job. geography teaches that. That's a basic part of geogra-

"Somebody said, if you cannot map it, it's not geography."

Sinha named some of the jobs a student could find with the minor in geography.

They include national, state and local governments, federal agencies, the Soil and Conservation Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and NASA.

"Geography is a very interesting subject and very fascinating II you come to it with an open mind and not be intimidated by it, because it gives (students) the opportunity in know and to understand the world," Sinha said. D

HIGHER **EDUCATION** BRIEFS

SMSU to offer bachelor's program in anthropology

A new program offering a bach-clor of arts and bachelor of science in anthropology has been approved by the Board of Governors at Southwest Missouri State University.

According to Dr. Bill Wedenoja, program director and professor of anthropology, demand for the major has been growing for years. In the past, students have had to settle for minoring in anthropology or creating an individualized degree program. Now that the degree is available, the department expects to have an initial class of around 200 majors this fall.

The department is currently in the midst of preparing new courses and hining new faculty in help meet the demands iff the new degree program.

Wedenoja believes the new degree, coupled with an already well-developed curriculum, will help prepare undergraduate anthropology students for the demanding requirements of a master's or doctoral program, and will equip them with marketable skills in the process.

"The opportunities in archaeology, for instance, are terrific for undergraduates," he says. "Students here can get plenty of hands-on experience."

NWSU president named for education awards

Dr. Dean Hubbard, president of Northwest Missouri State University, has been named to two prestigious commussions.

Richard Riley, President Clinton's secretary of education, has named Hubbard to the Advisory Council on Education Statistics The Council, which is within the National Center for Education Statistics, will review general policies of the operation of the Center and advise the commissioner of education statistics on standards.

Hubbard is one of 18 members of the Council who were appointed by Riley. He will serve a three-year

Hubbard has also been appointed as a member of the Commission on Leadership Development effective immediately and running through Dec. 31, 1999. The Commission is appointed by the American Council on Education, the nation's higher education association.

Science-religion course ranked in top hundred

O outheast Missouri State University's "Science and Religion" course is among the top 100 science-religion courses taught in the world.

Team-instructors for the interdiseiplinary course, Dr. Allen Gathman, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Andrew Pratt, campus minister and part-time instructor in the department of philosophy and religion, recently received the Templeton Award, which annually recognizes the world's 100 best courses in science and religion.

Courses are evaluated for scholarship - a syllabus that reflects solid bibliography, a strong reading list, lectures, and library resources. Courses are also evaluated for emphasis on current developments in the natural sciences and inclusion of philosophical and historical aspects of the science-religion relationship.

Judges also look for balanced treatment of the science and religion dialogue. Both scientific and religious perspectives must be present-

The Templeton Foundation has awarded \$5,000 to Southeast and \$5,000 @ Pratt and Gathman, who will split the award. As award winners. Pratt and Gathman have been asked to serve as resource personnel at a Templeton workshop in June in Chicago.

CHART -AROUND CAMPUS

Today 1

10 a.m. to 1 p.m .-Free photo key chains, BSC 2nd floor

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.— Koinonia Lunch, basement M

Stegge Hall 6:30 p.m.-

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd

floor lounge 7 p.m.-

Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panheitenic room Baptist Student Union,

Thursday Night Together, BSU Building 7:30 p.m.-

Hanover Band, Taylor Performing Arts Center

Friday 2

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.-All-campus picnic, includes caricature drawings, book-Store sale, and Chinook hellcopter

11:00 a.m.— Chi Alpha meeting, Webster Hall, Room 115

Noon to 10 p.m.-Lionpalooza bands presentation, front campus

8 p.m.— Spring Fling Dance, Llon's

Saturday 3

Track in MIAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships Kappa Alpha Basketball tournament, 4-Seasons Sports Complex

 Young Author's Conference, BSC 3rd floor

Sunday 4

2:30 p.m.-Jazz In Joptin Trio Grande, Webster auditorium

6 p.m.-Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th

and Pearl 7 p.m.-Sigma Pl meeting, Stegge

 Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Hall basement

Monday 5 Last day for full withdrawl Joplin Globe fundraiser,

BSC 3rd floor 7 p.m.—

Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

7:30 p.m.— Orchestra concert, Taylor Performing Arts Center 9 p.m.—

On-Campus Blbia Study, Apt. H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 6

Noon-Latter-Day Saints Student

Association meeting, BSC, Room 313 12:15 p.m.-

Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Hearnes Hall, Room 211

12:20 p.m.-College Republicans meet-Ing, BSC, Room 311

2:15 p.m.-Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.-Kolnonia main meeting, College Heights Christian

Church

Wednesday 7

Last Day of Class! Honors convocation

BSC Room 311

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.— CAB sponsors "Big Thing". Student Life Center

Noon-Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123 CAB general board meeting. STUDENT LIFE

Rollerblading, street hockey enjoy popularity

By SCOTT FRANCIS STAFF WRITER

years.

quick intake of breath. Bdmp, bdmp, bdmp. An Hockey, located at Fifth and Murphy in Joplin. expectant silence ensues. Then, a bone-jarring thud - followed by muttered curses - as the fallen one gets up and tries it again.

Elsewhere, the screams of excited fans muffle the grunts and exertions of players who themselves cover over noisy clacks of sticks and quiet whooshes and skids of rubber.

What do these sights and sounds have in common? They are very different, yet both part of the same sports phenomenon that has quietly (or not so quietly) swept through the four-state area in the past few

sometimes called is like many other trends in that it's been popular in bigger cities and on the coasts for several years and is finally gaining a following in the Joplin area. Freestyle skating and roller hockey represent two completely

In-line skating, or rollerblading as it is

different sides of this sport, and both sides have become increasingly popular in the four-state area. Nathan Bemo, a 22-year-old junior

business major, is the owner/operator of Bemo's Barnside Skatepark, which happens to be located in his backyard "I started building the park

because I've always had an interest in freestyle skateboarding, but I started having friends with BMX bikes and blades (in-line skales) come over to use the ramps a lot, too," he said. "Now we have a big party the second Saturday of every month, and we have semi-pro guys come from Kansas City and other places to compete and give shows. Some of the bladers are really excellent."

Freestyle refers to not just rollerblading but more traditionally to skateboarding and also to

BMX. Freestyle usually involves a curved ramp or series of ramps called a "halfpipe." In freestyle, skaters start at the edge of the halfpipe and skate down one side of the ramp and up the other, using gravity in build their momentum. If done properly, a skater can built enough speed to become airborne on either side of the halfpipe.

At that point, the excitement, difficulty and risk of freestyle become apparent. The challenge of freestyle is combine aerial maneuvers such as flips, twists and slides with a landing that lets the skater repeat the process on the other side of the ramp.

John Witt, 20, is a junior broadcasting major at John Brown University in Sileam Springs, Ark., but is originally from Longmont, Colo

"My brother and some friends and I work on our halfpipe every summer," Witt said.

"It's the most exciting sport I can think of, mostly because there's always something new you can try, or a different way to do something old."

Freestyle has become much more popular and widespread due to recent publicity from events such as ESPN's They're just a lot of fun to get out on, and I'd recommend "X Games" and through televised national and world cham- them to anybody who's ever considered buying a pair," he pionships.

Its only requirements are a full complement of pads, a pair of skates, and a willingness to fall down and get back up over and over.

In addition, it has become increasingly popular in areas where people like to play hockey but have little or no access ID an ice rink.

Other than using the same basic footwear, roller bockey is in a completely different world than freestyle. It is much more similar in theory and in practice in its older cousin. ice hockey.

"It takes more finesse than freestyle, as well as the ability In think ahead and work as part of a team," said Brian "B.J." Johnson, 23, who manages Four States Roller

Four States Roller Hockey is owned and operated cooperatively by Jean Bouma, Arlene and Wes Plume, and John Lickman, Formerly Joplin Outdoor Hockey, the name was changed when the shop changed hands and reopened last

"Now we have three leagues, with fourteen teams total. We can get people of any age into a league. We have players from ages 4 to 50," said Johnson. "But the best response by far is from little kids, mostly in our 5- to 11-

year-old age group, where we've got 40 enrolled already. That's what makes me think this sport will really be hot a few years down the road."

Johnson said that January would be one of the biggest seasons ever, with televised ice hockey capturing everyone's attention and boosting excitement about the sport

> "We have leagues going on all the time, and plenty all people at every age and skill level to play with," he said. "It's a lot less violent than ice hockey; the refs don't allow as much contact, so there's fewer

> > injuries, which seems in reassure parents, loo," Four States Roller Hockey helps to sponsor Joplin's All-Star team, the Joplin Rage. A d a m

> > > Stanley, 17, and

Scott Duvall, 20, are both members in the team.

"I think that they (the owners/operators of Four States Roller Hockey) are really innovative, considering the size of Joplin and the way this general area is a little behind on new trends," Stanley said.

"I mean, it's kind of surprising that we have such a good hockey shop here instead of Springfield or Kansas City."

A smaller population to draw on hasn't hurt the Rage's talent, however. The team has competed at the national level more than once, and several players have been chosen for national all-star and all-conference leams.

"We've been to nationals a couple of times," said Duvall. "It was a great experience for us, even though most of the teams there were on a higher level than we were.

"I guess that's the only way to get better, to play teams that are a lot better than you are."

Another aspect M in-line skating, and one enjoyed by many casual skaters, is street skating. Street is just another word for getting out on your rollerblades and just skaling around. Il doesn't take a ramp like freestyle or a team like hockey. Just you and your rollerblades and a smooth stretch of concrete (and some wrist guards, if you're

This kind of skating is popular among college students, especially those who live on campus.

"It's a lot more fun than walking, besides being better exercise," said Farra Nieholf, sophomore undeclared major.

"I'm not an expert yet, by any means, but it's still fun to just get out and skate with friends," she said Brian Sage agrees. Sage, 20, is a junior graphic design

major at John Brown University. "I've had my blades for about three years, and I love them

just as much now as when I first got them, I not more

"My friends that skate and I go blading at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville all the time. They've got a great campus for skating; lots all stairs, miles of sidewalks, acres of parking lots, and obstacles for the brave, or foolish."

Between the artistry of freestyle, the team sports competition aspect of roller bockey, and the widespread appeal of street skating, in-line skating has something to offer almost

So. Il Santa didn't bring you a pair of skates last Christmas, it may be because he's wearing them himself. I

CAMPUS CONCERNS -

Students seek out activities

BY BETH HAMILTON CHART REPORTER

alking to people on campus, one may hear a recurring complaint - there isn't anything to do here. There is nothing to do on campus, and nothing to do in Joplin. Is it boring here? The answer depends on who is asked.

Spencer Beck, senior communications major, is president of the Campus Activities Board and lives in the residence halls.

*When I first got to college, I didn't like I very well; I didn't really do anything," Beck said. "I would just cat and sleep and go back and sit in my room. Then I got involved in Koinonia and CAB and the Student Senate, and I enjoyed going to school and classes.

"I enjoyed being around people. I'm more outgoing now. It's more fun to be here at college."

Besides the fact that Missouri Southern is a smaller college, there is another factor that contributes - a large commuter enrollment.

"I don't think it's a true college campus because the fraterrsities and sororities aren't on campus to be able to support the athletic events," says Brad Ward, junior marketing major. "I think this school is kind of segregated because a lot of people don't live here [at the College] so it's not really a true college campus such as Pittsburg State or a big university."

Brandi Naden, sophomore elementary education major and commuter student, also believes the large number of commuters adversely affects campus participation.

"Because of all the commuters, a lot of the students don't get involved in the campus activities I'm involved in, such as FCA." Has anyone mentioned the new Student Life Center?

The center is open to all Southern students. Among other things, it has a weight room, a television room with a VCR, and a computer room. "I think the Student Life Center is good, but I don't think many students take advantage of it," said Eva-

Smothers, sophomore nursing major who lives on cam-DUS. Renee Hochstedder, a junior communications major from Minnesota, says she just doesn't think there is

much to do here. "I think they need to have more involvement in campus activities besides just sports and stuff around here," she says. "There's nothing for people to do or places for

them to go." Adam McKellips, a junior physical education major, says "I think it's boring here because everyone goes home on the weekends; there is nothing to do."

Not everyone agrees with this, however. Some think activities are available. "There's quite a bit to do if you look hard enough," says

Galen Wilkinson, junior pre-engineering major. Sophomore business major Jared Earl thinks there is a

way to have fun "I can't really think of anything that's fun on campus," he says. "Everything fun happens at my house.

"There's really nowhere to go in Joplin if you're underage," he says. "I'd like it il there were a dance club that you could get into if you're under 21. Pittsburg was the only place you could go if you were underage, but I think they have gotten really strict, too."

It Joplin that dull? Casey McCoy, senior sociology major, doesn't think it is that bad, as far as activities are concerned.

"it seems like there is the normal stuff to do, like bowling and stuff," she says. "I don't think it's as boring as people say. As far as clubs and organizations on campus go,

McCoy says her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, is a "good way to meet people."

Andrew Hill, senior marketing management major, doesn't think there are many fun campus activities.

"I've been here for five years, and in my five years there has not been any real campus life or campus activities that I've seen," he says. "That's partially due to the fact that there's no campus. Southern is a commuter col-

lege. "I've noticed that they have the Spring Fling, and that's the only thing that almost everybody participates in oncampus."

CAMPUS GROUP -

League receives second consecutive regional honor

Model Arab League brings home multiple awards including Best Delegation

BY HEATHER DEMIER STAFF WRITER

issouri Southern's Model Arab League was selected as "best delegation" for the second year in a row at the 1997 Great Plains Conference in lowa.

The organization represented Palestine and sponsored more than all resolutions that will be reviewed by the actual League at Arab States in Cairo.

Kimberly Lawry, senior sociology major, was one of four members to receive an individual award at the annual conference. Lawry was selected by the faculty advisers as "outstanding chairperson" for her effective role as chair in her committee. "The reason we got 'best delegation' was

because we had three 'best delegates' and the 'outstanding chair,' and that's unusual for a school, especially for Missouri Southern's size, to have that many awards given to specific people," Lawry said

Jennifer Hurn. Alicia Nielsen, and Nick Prewett were selected "best delegate" for their respective committees.

and Sara Smith.

sent to the League of Arab States and then they read them over and can pass them in the actual League," Lawry said "In that way, Missouri Southern affects the world policy." Lawry has been offered an internship with

the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations and is awaiting further details. "I think I'll be working for Partnership for

Peace, which is an organization that helps educate Americans about the Palestine and Israeli conflict," she said. The nine-week internship takes place in Washington, D.C. this summer. Lawry said

she received the offer as a result of attending the Arab League. Nick Prewett, sophomore political science

The awards are based on your speaking ability, your diplomatic courtesy, and your ability to actually pass resolutions in the committee," he said.

Prewett plans to attend graduate school. He would like to work for the State Department and become a diplomat or an ambassador

"I like the overall experience because around here we deal with Israeli-Arab conflicts more on the Israeli side," Prewett said. "By doing Arab League, you actually get to see and feel the emotions that a lot of the Arab countries have."

Lawry said the members and Dr. Conrad Gubera, the group's faculty adviser, would like to extend their gratitude to College President Julio Leon for making this confer-

Other participants included Caleb major, received an individual award for "out-Browning, Chad Galbraith, Katherine Ray, standing delegate" in the economic affairs ence possible. "The resolutions that Missouri passes are committee.

POTTERY SALE

Artists sell wares for money, recognition



By RHONDA CLARK STAFF WRITER

nique items line the shelves in the lobby of the Art Building as students market their wares in the pottery show and sale.

"It's competitive because you are putting your work out in front of the public and putting your work out next to your pottery mate and it's just a great learning experience," said Jon Fowler, professor of art.

Held each semester, the spring event ends Wednesday. The featured pieces, crafted by 10 students are functional stone ware pottery and decorative Raku Prices range from \$5 to \$75. Hours are 9 north of the Art Building. a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

All proceeds from the sale go to the artists. Gary Crim, senior and education major, said the sale helps students with educational expenses and features their art.

"It lets people know what we are

doing down here and makes some money for the students," he said.

Fowler organized the event, but he said the students are responsible for the everyday operation.

"Everything here is from their (students) imaginations and their throwing skills," Fowler said. "I tell them they can make anything in this class that they are capable fill making."

He said the students spend many hours on each project, not only in class but also in the evenings and on weekends. Fowler said clay is therapeutic.

From 3 to 5:30 p.m on Monday and Wednesday, a demonstration Raku, a 16th century Japanese pollery technique, takes place

A smoky scent fills the art lobby, a by-product of Raku, which means "happiness through chance." The pots go from a red-hot kiln to sealed containers filled with straw, sawdust, or paper and react with the smoke. The pieces are fast cooled in water.

"it's just a trial and error thing. 9577. O

SPRING FLING

BY KEVIN COLEMAN

of Missouri Southern Friday.

ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Picnic menu

features music

ring Fling's annual picnic's menu will feature a 10-course helping of live music for students

At noon, the Campus Activities Board will intro-

"We first started talking about this in the fall," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. *Residential life, a local sound man named Lee Snider, Student Senate, and CAB all wanted to do a battle of the bands. So we thought, why do several

"This (Spring Fling) seemed to be the best time to

it," she said. "We thought if we did it it Spring Fling we would get the most attendance and the

The CAB got some unexpected help organizing

the event when Desiree Petersen, freshman graph-

ic arts major, decided to form a campus organiza-

"I wanted to start a club for local musicians," said

Peterson, lead singer of Carbon Star, "because

there aren't places to play around here anymore,

unless you want to play in bars - and if you've got

an underage band, you can't play in bars. So I

Petersen went to the CAB with her concert idea.

"I asked her (Carlisle) about having a concert."

Petersen said. "She said, 'OK, you do all the work;

Petersen started talking to bands she had per-

She helped to organize some committees, and

with the help of other students in the new "Sound

Club," put together Southern's first music festival,

"We talked about having a battle of the bands, but

decided we didn't want in make it a competition,"

The festival will feature 10 bands performing a

variety of music styles. The concert stage will be

set up behind the sitting wall, in front of Reynolds

duce the first-ever Lionpalooza music festival.

If them, when we can get by with just one.'

weather would be the most cooperative."

tion for students interested in music

decided to throw my own concert."

said Spencer Beck, CAB president

we'll help you out."

Lionnalooza.

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formed with and knew.

Coming

It let's

people know

what we are

doing down

Gary Crim

Senior art major

and that's why Raku is so unique,

that it's very hard to duplicate, in

fact you don't want me duplicate it

because that's the whole point ---

Raku is a spontaneous result of this

interaction of the clay and the

For the would-be potter, the

"Four Saturdays of Clay" workshop

runs July 5 to July 28. The class is

for ages 12 to adult. Information

about the class or the pottery show

is available from Fowler # 625-

chemicals to fire," Fowler said.

here...

On Campus



Concert

■ Friday— Lionpalooza, noon, in the campus oval during picnic

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

May 1-Hanover Band Concert - Nicholas McGegan May 5-Orchestra Concert May 8-Choir Concert

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM May 4—Jazz in Joplin - Trio

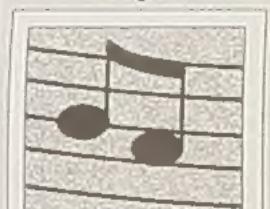
Grande May 10-Jazz Band Concert

PHINNEY RECITAL HALL May 15—Choral Society

Concert SPIVA April 27-May 2-Senior Art

Student Exhibit May5-May 9-Senior Art Student Exhibit

Joplin



Concert

Friday - Raisin' Kane at Joplin's Champs Pub and Grill

THE BYPASS

624-9095 May 9-10-Hypnotist and Comedian Chip Flaytow

CHAMPS

782-4944 May 2-3—Raisin' Kane May 9-10-Next of Kin May 16-17—Joe Giles May 23-24---Raisin' Kane

May 30-31-Raisin' Kane SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

623-0183 May 3-June 8-*Borrowed From Nature*, Sculpture Exhibit

GUITARS & CADILLACS 659-9870

May 13-Little River Band

Carthage STONE'S THROW THEATRE 358-9665

May 1-2.8-11-Silvia Kansas City

ARROWHEAD STADIUM May 19-U2

SANDSTONE AMPHITHEATER

May 3-Jimmy Buffett w/Pat Benatar May 4—Bush w/Veruca Salt

June 2—Tina Turner w/ Cyndi Lauper

June 6—Chicago and The Beach Boys June 7-Rush

June 10-No Doubt w/ Weezer and Red Five June 14-Styx w/ Pat Benatar

work. The cast and director used creativity and a unique presentation to give the audience a look at a clas-



Trio Grande will perform at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 4 in Webster Hall. The performance is sponsored by Jazz in Joplin.

Pennsylvania band to hit Southern

BY MICHELLE CONTY

ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Trio Grande will bring a lively, spontaneous show to Webster Hall auditorium # 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

very spontaneous," said Cecie Fritz, founder of Jazz in Joplin. The program could change while the performers are on stage

tion - If they like one kind of music more, or respond more, even though they (the performers) planned on per-

Even though the men had crossed paths previously, they did not begin to work together until nine years ago. Each believed his playing ability was

Walters said when they first began to work together, they found they couldn't sustain their intensity for long. So they

change based on the audience reac- if countless rehearsals to build their

"If the audience didn't show up, it would be the one of us was not there,"

The trio first performed in Joplin in 1991, when Jazz in Joplin started its first concert season. Fritz said she heard them on the radio and was so impressed by their sound that she called the radio station and contacted the group to per-

Advance tickets are available at Williamson's Music House for \$10. Tickets at the door are \$12.50 Missouri Southern students and children 12 and under are admitted free. O

oming all the way from ence is important to the performance.

"One of the things about jazz is it's study and performance.

"It depends upon the audience's reacforming a different piece, that could

John D'Amico, pianist, said the audi-

Pittsburgh, Pa , the jazz band Trio Grande has been performing D'Amico said. "People who come to see together since 1988. D'Amico, bassist as Blow they're a part of us." Virgil Walters, and drummer Rodger Ryan have a collective 107 years of

enhanced by the sound of the other two.

developed a training regimen consisting

performance.

SOUTHERN THEATRE REVIEW -Cast of 'Seagull' gives 'creative and enjoyable' performance

BY KATE WALTERS STAFF WRITER

ast members of Southern Theatre's performance of The Seagull gave their audience a truly inventive performance. The show was creative and enjoyable in the fashion it was put togeth-

The show ran April 25 and 26.

The theme of unrequited love was used to hold scenes together to tell the story in a manageable length. Although the scenes chosen did not give the best representation of the work. But rather than realistic the actors lacked movement.

the audience the love that motivated the characters.

The show seemed to try to draw the audience in by treating it as a by the actors to give the audience story telling, but a prologue in which two stagehands set up the stage did not work well.

Once Anton Chekhov entered from the back of the house, I was intrigued. An actor was used to portray Chekhov telling the story of his play. The production tried to draw the audience into the story as if you were seeing the creative process at

plot, they were explicit in showing believable performances, the characters all seemed to be rather theatrical.

Colorful monologues were written each character's background. I like the idea of the self-written introductions, but they lengthened the show and slowed it down. The monologues were exposition; I began to grow weary waiting for the story to

All of the action took place on the pit, but the area was not used well. One area of the pit was used, and

The blocking did not help the seemed unbalanced. There weren't motivation of the characters. The any props used during the show, characters reemed well motivated, but would have been aided by betler movement.

The costumes were beautiful and fitting for the characters, but the lack of set seemed oddly mismatched. They would not have even needed a set if they had even attempted to place the characters modern chairs they used.

Although this was a workshop setting, llaving the costumes finished with no care paid toward the set sic playwright. I

The lighting could have been better, it was somewhat on the dark

Although the acting was at times stiff, the actors put on a good performance. Lines were well memorized. and no faux pas were detected.

Overall, the performance - albeit a little on the long side - gave the on wooden chairs rather than the audience a good look at Chekhov's

CITYNEWS

REGIONAL **NEWS**

Jailbreak foiled by law enforcement coalition

BRIEFS

Two Joplin Municipal Jail Inmates who beat a jail guard Monday and then escaped after robbing her of her keys are back in custody John C. Hudgens, 22, of Jefferson City, was captured by Joplin police, Jasper County sheriff's deputies. Carl Junction police. and Missouri Highway Patrol offioers at a rural Carl Junction mobile home. Joplin police received a up that he was there. He was arrested without incident at approximately 10 a.m.

The second escapee, Benjamin Lawrence, 30, 2006 Murphy Ave., Joplin, was arrested in a mobile home park near the intersection of Zora Avenue and Duguesne Road by Joplin police and Jasper County sheriff's deputies shortly after noon Monday,

Joplia police had the house under surveillance because a relative III Lawrence's lived there. In addition to Lawrence, police also arrested two Joplin women for aidme in his escape. The arrests were without incident.

Police also arrested a 36-yearold neral Joplin man and a 29-yearold woman after stopping them in a vehicle used in the escape. The vehicle was stopped in the 900 block of Connecticut at approximately 10:30 a.m. Monday. Inside the vehicle, police found identification cards of Benjamin Lawrence, which they allege he took in the robbery of the jail property room during the escape.

Joplin police are seeking charges of robbery and escape on both Lawrence and Hudgens. The robbery charge carnes a potential five- to 15-year prison sentence. Both men were being held originally for parole violations on drug charges

Joplin Police Chief David Niebur said the escape was a result of a jail employee violating several policies, including opening a door to a cell occupied by more than one inmate-

Proper action will be taken against the employee of Security Unlimited Inc., which operates the jail for the city of Joplin. Niebur said that was the sole reason for the escape and no other charges are amicipated at this time.

Tamko zoning proposal denied by commission

en months after its original proposal, the Joplin zoning and planning commission unanimously voted Monday to reject a request by Tamko Asphalt Industries to vacate a section of High Street that borders plant prop-

The plan, first proposed to the commission in July, was met with stiff opposition from neighbors of the plant site, causing Tarako to shelf its original request. The rezoning proposal was brought back to life in February but once again dropped voluntarily by Tamko in response to residential objections.

The plan had called for vacating High Street from North Street through plant property.

Foremost on the list of complaints submitted by residents was that the closing would not allow proper access to homes for emergency vehicles. []

St. John's to host medical choice class

1 noon on Monday, May 12, A E. John's Regional Medical Center will host "Advance Medical Directives: Protect your right to choose."

The program will address the need for individuals to consider making decisions about their medical care now and put those needs in writing with an advance direc-

Advance directives are important for everyone, young or old, since accidents and illnesses can strike at any age.

ENTERTAINMENT

Local actor 'tests waters' in Hollywood

BY LINDA WHITED STAFF WRITER

aspiring actor Jason Booher's new residence. The Joplin High School graduate and former Missouri Southern art major has chosen to pursue acting training at Van Mar Academy.

Former pupils in the school include Rick Dees, TK Carter, and Sinbad.

"I waited until I was 23 years old," Booher said. "I should've come to Hollywood sooner. An actor can earn \$10,000 to \$40,000 a week doing commercials."

A resume of his recent work includes "extra" scenes for "Murder She Wrote" and an appearance on Boston Commons," an NBC television program.

Joyce Booher, Jason's mother, works for Southern as a sign language instructor. She teaches deaf students in Carthage as well.

"I think he was searching for something when he went out west. Joyce Booher said. 'He loves Hollywood. Sometimes they

RECREATION

BY KIM GIBSON

STAFF WRITER

go on the set at 6 p.nr. and work until 6 the next day."

Aspiring actors first must secure un-bathed Hollywood is a theatrical or commercial agent

They cost about \$20, to start. Hollywood agencies. Central and Senex, which he retains. He then was placed in his first show, "Saved By the Bell."

up to be, and it is. Sometimes you go into a big room and play cards."

Agencies are located in downtown Hollywood, North Hollywood, and in the Valley, Booher explained Many actors cater portfolios to several genres.

Two hundred thousand working Hollywood actors and actresses market specific looks to easting

"I think anyone can do this if they have a desire," Booher said. "Agencies look for all types of people, bald women, people with hairy hands, you name it

"Last week my agent told me they were looking for someone with no index and little fingers. I didn't

know anyone, but eventually they found a guy from Texas.

"I miss the green grass most. You go to Griffith Park (where Rebel Without a Couse was (ilmed) or Booher tried out for two Beverly Hills in see grass. You can't find a yard to put your feet in. It's all apartment complexes here."

Portfolio photography (head shots only) cost upwards of \$1,200. "It's not all what acting is cracked Less expensive shoots obtained for \$40 often start an actor's credentials. The less pricey pictures landed Booher his first jobs.

> Set extras receive all meals free of cost. Booher said the perks include everything from steak and potatoes to Mahi-Mahi.

> *Everyone is on hiatus for the next two months," he said. "Some actors get commercials or whatever they can do Some get a second

> Booher's continuous work since he arrived five months ago has kept him busy four to five days a week "Saved By the Bell" employs him every Thursday and Friday, while modeling and commercials fill in his work schedule.

"It was a surprise to us he went

JOHN SMITH/The Charl

After the pool is deposed, the

expand the playground area.

Since the pool was shut down,

been utilized as a storage facility



Photo courtesy of Dean Booher

Since arriving in Hollywood, Jason Booher has appeared in such weekly shows as "Saved By the Bell" and "Murder, She Wrote."

out there," said Dean Booher, his Kelsey Norman Elementary School father. "We thought he was looking for other work. Then he called us and told us he was on a weekly the Academy Awards yet," Dean television show."

Dean Booher is principal of adventures in life." D

in Joplin.

"We aren't renting a limousine for Booher said. "It's one of those

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY -

Motorcycle benefit scheduled for July

Riders mount bikes for charity drive

BY LINDA WHITED STAFF WRITER

even months after a massive heart attack took his life, Ronnie Mills of The Cycle Connection continues to influence the Muscular Dystrophy fund-rais-

Nancy Mills, his widow, now heads up the 12th annual Ronnie Mills Memorial "Ride for Life." which will be held Sunday, July 13. Harley Davidson and other motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to gain sponsorship and ride from 2201 E. Seventh St. to Sycamore Landing and Canoe Livery in Noel, Mo.

"Nancy does publicity work for the ride," said MDA's Don's Ashe.

All motorcycle types and their affiliated organizations are welcome to join in this event for "Jerry's Kids."

Start time for the event is 10 a.m. The escorted ride is approximately 100 miles.

Smoot Mahuti, an area band, is scheduled to supply entertainment.

Food will be provided. Field events will be conducted at muscular diseases. Its cutting-Sycamore Landing Every rider edge research offers a new determust wear a helmet

Last year approximately 250 cycles made their way through Joplin.

Donations will go toward neces-

sary medical treatments. For example, a muscle biopsy and interpretation for a muscular dystrophy victim costs \$750. A child could spend a week at MDA summer camp, fee \$400. Full diagnostic testing and evaluations run \$3,500.

The event was named after Mills due to his participation in the ride Participants win prizes for their fund-raising efforts. By raising \$50. m "Ride For Life" T-Shirt is awarded. Participants receive a bandana, T-shirt, pin and meal for \$300 raised. For \$700 raised, the prize is a leather riding jacket and the above-mentioned items. The grand prize is a getaway package for two and a free Harley.

Twenty dollar pledges qualify individuals for one chance at winning a new 1997 Harley Davidson XL 883.

The drawing will be held Sept. 1, during the local Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon on KODE-TV at 3:30

Other local sponsors include KSYN, KOCD, KODE-TV. Country KAT 102.5, Tyson Foods, and Cotton-Eyed Joe's in Noel, Mo. Sponsor forms are available at sponsor locations.

MDA opens the door to hope for area patients. Support services help Americans live with 40 neuromination to victims. MDA envisions a future without disabling disorders

For more information, persons may call the Lifeline at 781-8600. IT

If you think you're pregnant and you're confused about your options, call or stop by for these free services.

Workers at Leonard Park demolish the facility's swimming pool, which ceased functions in 1988.

Park board rejects pool upgrade

al," said Jack Golden, director of

remove il.

either reconstruct the pool or later.

pools, the land would be better to rebuild it I

"It became pretty non-function- suited for other uses.

the parks and recreation depart- area will be seeded and used to

Golden said the options were to Extra picnic tables may be added

Because Leonard Park is small Golden said the parks and recre-

and serves few people, it would ation department has searched

have been more expensive to for uses for the bath house. It has

Golden said because Joplin for the city, but Golden said it

already has three Olympic-sized would have been cheaper simply

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FREE PREGNANCY TESTS REFERRALS

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longer take up space II

Recently, the parks board had to rebuild.

Leonard Park in Joplin.

The deteriorated pool was shut

down in 1988 due to the poor con-

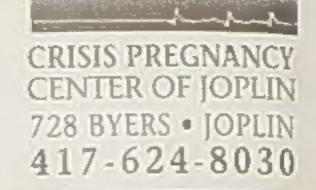
dition and low usage of the facili-

decide it upgrading the pool would

be beneficial to Leonard Park, The

board voted to remove the facility.

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STATE NEWS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Richardson resigns position

BY TAMMY SPICER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -

In the wake of the third drunk driving arrest in the House of Representatives This year, Rep. Mark Richardson IE-Poplar Bluff) has resigned his position as House minority floor leader.

'I elected to resign my post as caucus leader for the remainder of this term in order that this event is not a distraction from the important work of the House of Representatives," Richardson said in a written statement.

Richardson was arrested in the Jefferson City area late Friday night. He was charged with two violations, driving while intoxicated and child endangerment; both are misdemeanors. His 1-year-old daughter was with him.

This legislative session has been particularly disappointing regarding people in leadership positions serving as very poor role models," said Barb Fitzgerald, executive director of Missouri's Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) chapter.

Richardson's arrest is the third in a series that began shortly after session opened Freshman Rep. Kate Hollingsworth (D-Imperial) was arrested in Jefferson City, Jan-22 after she was pulled over for driving west on an eastbound street.

Hollingsworth pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of first-offense DWI and was sentenced to two years' probation in Jefferson City Municipal Court. She was also ordered to pay court costs, perform 80 hours of community service, and attend a crime victim's panel.

The second arrest of this legislative session was on Feb. 2, when the car Rep. Phil Tate (D-Gallatin) went off the road and struck a tree outside Jefferson City. He pleaded guilty in an identical charge in Cole County Circuit Court. He was placed on two year's probation and issued a public apolo-

In a written statement Tuesday, Richardson said he pleaded guilty to both counts against him, driving while intoxicated and child endangerment

He was placed on two years' probation, given 200 hours of community service, and is required in attend Substance Abuse Traffic Offenders.

When the legislative week began Monday, the Republican caucus met twice in private trying to decide how to move on with this situation.

After the second meeting on Tuesday morning, Richardson said he would step down from his leadership position in the House.

There are 163 individuals here in the House of Representatives, and they of have different tasks and responsibilities," said House Speaker Steve Gaw (D-Moberly). There are a lot of elements in the jobs here in Jefferson City that are stressful in many ways. We need as find ways to help legislators deal with that stress."

The House Republicans will meet Monday to decide on the new House minority floor leader. D

Drunk Driving Arrests

Three DWI arrests in Missouri's House of Representatives have been made this vession.



Rep. Mark Richardson

Arrested April 25, plead guilty to driving while intoxicated and child endangermens.



Rep. Phil Tate

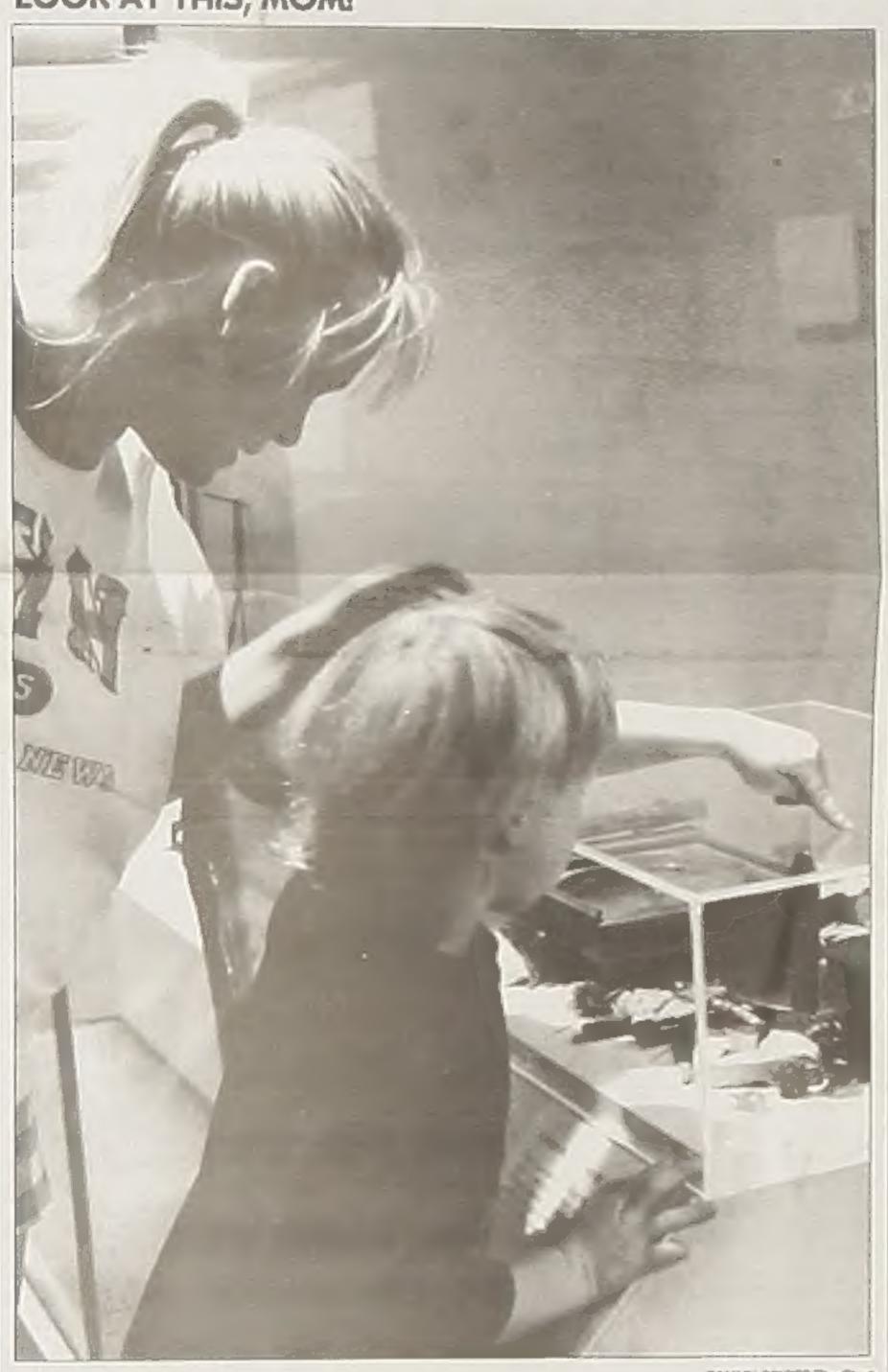
Arrased Feb. 2 plead guilty to driving while intoxicated.



Rep. Kate Hollingsworth

Arrested Jan. 22, plead guilty to driving while insoxicated.

LOOK AT THIS, MOM!



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

During a trip to the Capitot building on Tuesday, 5-year-old Jacob Johnson, of Jefferson City, points out a museum display to his mother, Brenda. The museum is located on the first floor of the Capitol.

Legislation questions gays' ability to parent

Southern student campaigns against anti-homosexual bills

FAMILY SERVICES -

BY TAMMY SPICER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -

hould gay and lesbian adults be allowed to become foster or adoptive families? That Is the question facing Missouri legislators.

Hall (R-Grain Valley) would prohib. ed suicide several times, she said. it a person from becoming a foster or adoptive parent if the pre-placement investigation finds that the person has been engaged in a homosexual relationship in the past three years.

this issue," Hall said. "Homosexuality has never been so blatant or treated as normally as right now."

A case in Jackson County prompted Hall to file this legislation, he said. He was approached by an employee of the Department of ance of the evidence. Family Services who was pressured into placing a child with a lesbian woman who hadn't completed the pre-placement process.

The employee told him the young girl had expressed confusion with her sexual identity and that is the reason the department wanted to place her with a lesbian.

that young girl to be placed in a home where she would not feel free to choose her own path," said Cheryl Gray, a senior general studies major at Missouri Southern and homosexuality, Hall said. Even president of the Pride of Joplin prime-time network television community center. I feel they are shows like Ellen are adding to the denying many children a safe, acceptability of gays and lesbians, happy home. I think it is wrong for he said. anybody to legislate against a whole group of people based on sexual preference."

Gray has traveled to Jefferson City to let the legislative body know how the proposed bills would nega-

tively affect their constituents, she said.

The bill reads that a prospective foster or adoptive parent must sign an affidavit stating they have not engaged in a homosexual relationship in the previous three years.

"As a matter of public policy we need to recognize that it is harmful for children to grow up in that environment." Hall said.

Gray disagrees, saying she grew up in a heterosexual home and always felt confused because she knew she was different. The situa-A bill sponsored by Rep. Glenn tion was so difficult she contemplat-

"I am fortunate to have lived until I was able in 'come out' at age 25," Gray said.

There is another bill, sponsored by Rep. Rich Chrismer (R-St. Peters), which creates a rebuttable "Society simply hasn't had to face presumption against awarding custody of a child to a homosexual, bisexual, transsexual, or transvestite parent

> The presumption can be rebutted by proving the parent is III for custody of the child by a preponder-

> "There is supposed In be a separation of church and state," Gray said. "I don't think the government has any business relying on the Bible to enforce moral codes."

Hall cites several Bible verses that state it is a sin to engage in homosexual activity. In the book of Leviticus, chapter 18, verse 22, it "It would be more torturous for reads, "Do not lie with a man as you would a woman as that is detestable."

The media has a great deal to do with the growing normalcy of

The issue will not likely les solved with only three weeks left in the legislative session, according to

Next year the debate will begin again. O

STATE **NEWS** BRIEFS

Governor designates **Drinking Water Week**

ov Mel Carnahan has pro-Uclaimed May 4-10 as Drinking Water Week in Missouri. Drinking Water Week recognizes Missouri's public drinking water industry for the work it does in providing Missourians with safe drinking water.

"Public water systems in Missouri face ever-increasing and complex challenges in meet smingent standards that the public has come to expect of them," said David Shorr, director of Missouri Department of Natural Resources. "We're urging all Missourians to join in paying tribute to the fireless, dedicated men and women that run our public drinking water system."

During Drinking Water Week, many public water systems in Missouri will offer the public guided tours of their drinking water facilities. An annual poster contest is also part of the week's activities.

For more information, people may contact DNR's Public Drinking Water Program at (573) 751-5331 or their local public drinking water system. []

Legislative cycle nears mid-May conclusion

Missouri House of Rep-A resentatives has given final approval III 188 House bills over the last four months, 38 more than were given approval at this time last year. In addition, the House has approved 50 Senate bills.

"The House of Representatives is close to completing this legislative cycle, and can be proud of the legislation that has been sent on to the Senate," said House Speaker Steve Gaw (D-Moberly), "Our energy has been focused on House bills over the last four months, and next week we will turn our attention to reviewing bills from the Senate."

Legislation that would benefit Missouri's families has gotten top priority in the House chamber, according to Gaw, []

Analysis shows price of gasoline to stay low

A verage retail gasoline prices for the 1997 summer driving season may be 1 to 2 cents per gal-Ion below the 1996 summer average, according to analyses performed by the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Energy.

In a survey of retail gasoline rices conducted in April, DNR reports that the average statewide price for self-service regular unleaded was \$1.109, down 1.9 cents from this time last year.

"The statewide average price for self-service regular gasoline has been dropping steadily since Jan. 13," said Cher Stuewe-Portnoff, director of the Division of Energy. "Regular unleaded has dropped from \$1.213 per gallon to \$1.108 posted on March 3, its lowest average price this year."

Stuewe-Portgoff noted that Missouri's average price is below the \$1.199 national average.

"Drivers are not likely III see the type of sticker shock they experienced last year," said Jay Hakes, EIA administrator. "Even with record gasoline demand, we expect gasoline prices slightly below last summer's levels because of lower crude oil prices."

Despite the possibility of lower gasoline rices, the Division of Energy advises motorists to use gasoline as efficiently as possible.

The Division recommends regular vehicle maintenance to save gasoline and dollars, such as keeping tires properly inflated, regular tone-ups and oil changes, and operating vehicles in prescribed speed limits.

World oil prices, already down sharply from high midwinter levels. are expected in remain generally below 1996 levels for the rest of 1997.

ANIMAL RIGHTS House, Senate hear arguments on legality of cockfighting

BY TAMMY SPICER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. --

issouri is only one of five states where cocklighting other animal exhibitions are legal

There are two bills in front of the legislature this session dealing with making animal fighting a

crime. Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico are the only other states with legalized animal fighting, according to Shirley Sostman, vice president at the Alliance for

Animal Legislation. sponsored by Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield). Sen. John Scott (D-(a. Louis) submitted the Senate bill.

Animal fighting was illegal in Missouri from 1873 until 1984, when the Missouri Supreme Court found the animal fighting statute to he unconstitutionally vague. The legislature has not been able to agree on wording for the bill.

"While there are two sides to this issue." Hosmer said, "in the whole scheme of things it is cruel."

The legislation would make a crime all owning or training any animal, lowl, or bird with the intent of using it in an exhibition fight with another animal, lowl, bird, or person in the state.

"The Missouri General Assembly doesn't need to be wasting valuable The House version of the hill is time on frivolous bills that would make it a crime for Grandma Brown to own a game rooster in Neosho, Mo., said Sen. Danny

Staples (D-Eminence), who has voiced opposition to the way the bill has been proposed. We should be focusing on issues like Medicare, Medicaid, the highway system, senior citizens, the mentalby ill, and the economy."

The House bill would also make it a crime to la a spectator an anmal fight or wrestling exhibition. The first offense would make spectators guilty of an infraction and a Class A misdemeaner for the secand or any subsequent offenses.

"A lot of the opposition to this bill deals with how you enact it and the range of punishment," Hosmer said. People don't want it to affect rodeos and hunting and fishing."

The Senate has already heard the

bill one time without coming to a

decision. Neither bill is likely in

make it to the governor's desk this year, Hosmer said. He would consider bringing the legislation forward again next year. "I don't know if there are any ben-

efits or disadvantages w having animal fighting in Missouri," Staples said. "I just don't want the 160,000 people I represent to be bothered by misdemeanors."

Staples recently received a letter from a woman who supports animal lighting.

In her letter she enclosed a quote from Abraham Lincoln: "As long as the almighty permits intelligent men created in his image and likeness to fight in public and led each other while the world tooks on approvingly, it's not for me to deprive the chickens of the same privilege." O

are two sides to this issue, in the whole scheme of things it is cruel.

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Rep. Craig Hosmer D-Springfield

SPORTS SCENE



'The Flab Five'



Come on down...

adies and gentlemen, this is it: the final awards presented by the "Flab Five." Two of our members will be maying on. Our esteemed editor-in-chief. Rick Rogers, has chosen to skip his senior season and move on to the pro ranks. Ryan Bronson will return to Idaho after graduation in May. Now, on with the 12th annual LePage-Smith awards ceremony.

Lion Team of the Year is the Missouri Southern men's track and field squad. With athletes like Ben Brainard, whose 16-8 3/4 inch-pole vault broke Southern's record and carned him a No. 5 national ranking, it is plain to see that this team is going places.

Lady Lion Team of the Year, is the women's track and field team. Week in and week out, the Lady Lions bave dominated the field events and are looking to send Michelle Heimerman to the NCAA Division II national competition for the second straight

season. Lion Player of the Year is Southern quarterback Brad Cornelsen, Cornelsen followed up freshman of the year honors with another outstanding year at the helm of the Lion

football team. Lady Lion Player of the Year goes to junior standout Stephanie Gockley. Following another stellar season, Gockley has already received several honors including Missouri Southern Female

Athlete of the Year. Athlete of the Year honors go to Richard "Dirt" Jordan. Dirt's defensive prowess earned him the distinction of being the first Lion football player to be selected in the NFL draft. Jordan was selected · in the seventh round by the Detroit Lions. He received his first taste of the professional gridiron last weekend during spring mini-camp.

Senior of the Year is James Thrash. Thrash is also hoping to continue his football career by signing as a free-agent with the Philadelphia Eagles. If he can come close to attaining the success he enjoyed at Southern, then his name will be known for years to come.

Lady Lion Coach of the Year goes to former basketball coach Carrie Kaifes. Kaifes, in just her second season as head coach, led her team to the

playoffs again. ■ The Rodney Dangerfield Awards is also given to Kaifes. Kaifes was asked to leave Southern after a first-round loss to Missouri Western in the MIAA post-season tournament

Basketball pundits are still searching for a legitimate reason as to why the 1996 MIAA coach of the year was given the boot.

Next year looks promising for Southern's athletic departments, and The Chart sports staff wishes each team good luck in bringing championships home in the future. I

TRACK & FIELD -**Brainard vaults** over milestone

By JOE ECKHOFF STAFF WRITER

ion track members turned in a good performance last weekend at the Bill Williams Lion Relays and are now preparing for this week's conference meet at Emporia State-

"It was a good meet for us, a low-key meet that we used for a tune-up for the conference meet." said coach Tom Rutledge. "Our conference has a lot of muscle, and it's going to be tough, but realistically, we could finish any where between third and sixth."

At the weekend meet, pole vaulter Ben Brainard shattered the school record with a vault af 16-8 3/4 inches

"That is basically like falling from a two-story building." Rutledge said. "It's just a matter of time before he goes above 17 feet."

Lion throwers Lee Heinerikson and Doug Culver both had provi-SOFTBALL -

sional records in the hammer throw:

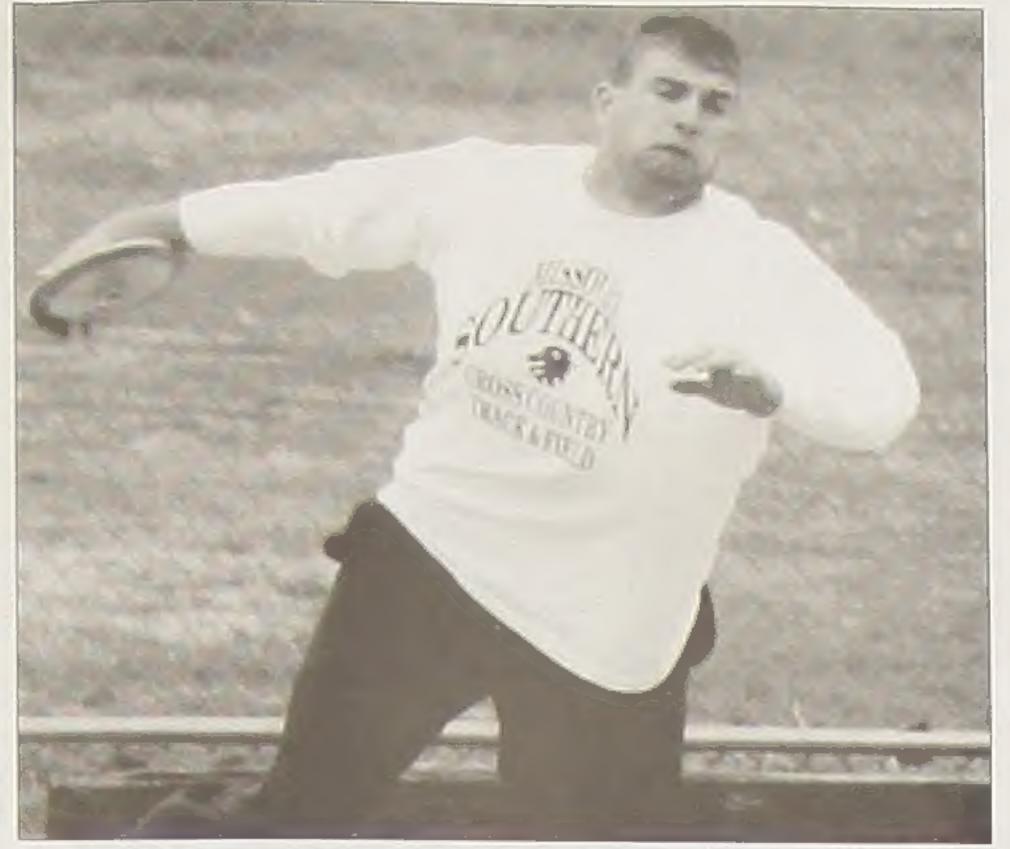
Throwers Stephanie Wainscott and Michelle Heimerman stole the show for the Lady Lions. Heimerman won the hammer throw and was second in the discus, while Wainscott won the discus and was second in the shot put and in the hammer throw,

Pole vaulter Sandra Richardson won the exhibition pole vault for the second week in a row, but sprained her ankle in the process Coach Patty Vavra is concerned about weakness in some events due to the injuries to Heather Hoyle and Richardson

The key for us is going to be if we are healthy enough to enter the girls in as many events as we need to," she said.

Throughout the season, the Lady Lions have relied on a hard work ethic, and Vavra said she likes the spirit of the team

"All the girls have worked very hard and are strong both mentally and physically," she said. 3



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Southern junior Lee Heinerikson grimaces as he hurls the discus at the Southern Bill Williams Lion Relays. Helnerikson set a provisional (the minimum to qualify for the NCAA Division II meet) in the hammer throw.

Lady Lions start strong, finish tournament in third

By JASON OWEN SPORTS EDITOR

fter pulling a major upset of No. 2-ranked Pittsburg State 3-0 and No. 3 Northwest Missouri State 1-0, it seemed Missouri Southern's softball team might be able to do the impossible last weekend.

Lady Lions as they dropped games to Central Missouri 4-2 and Missouri Western 3-2 Sat-urday, closing their season with a thirdplace finish in the MIAA.

"We are disappointed," said senior pitcher Jane Roberts. "We really felt like we could go out and win it all, especially after the way we played on Friday.

"We really went out and took the bull by the horns. We felt like

wanted to play us. So coming out ment games. Saturday and dropping a like that was a little tough."

Southern finishes the season 18-(6) overall

Head coach Pat Lipira said she felt good about the weekend

"I really think that we were able to go out and prove a lot of people However, the sky fell in on the wrong at the tournament," she

> "We really came out and played like I knew we could this weekend.

By Saturday afternoon I think everybody in the conference knew that with out a doubt we were a quality team."

team's success in senior pitcher Holly Trantham, who took on the pitching duties in all four of whatever that special something that "

we could take on anyone who Southern's conference tourna- was that we had had Friday,"

weekend," she said. "Our other pitchers are good quality pitchers. but Holly gives up less runs. She pitched two one-hit games this weekend, and with the way we are hitting as a team, that was exactly what we needed."

Following the success the Lady Lions enjoyed on Friday, Roberts said they were just "missing something" on Saturday that led to their losses.

"I don't know what we were well. We were able to go out and missing, but we just did not have it Saturday," she said. "We went out really feeling like we could Lipira attributed much of the win it all, and we really should have been able to do just that, but we just could not seem to find

With the loss to Missouri "Holly really pitched well this Western, Southern saw its season come to an end. Lipira said she was happy after looking at the season as a whole.

"I really do not feel like the record really does this team justice," she said.

"It does not tell you how good we really were. A lot of the games we lost were one-run games, and we were in them till the very end.

This year's team was a quality team, and I feel like we ended up play four games this weekend when most people expected us to just play two and go home. We ended the season playing as well as I feel we were capable of playing, and I have to be happy about

miaa softball POST-SEASON

Game 1-

Missouri Southern 3 Pittsburg State U

Game 2-

Missouri Southern I Northwest Missouri 0

Game 3-

Missouri Southern 2

Central Missouri 4

Game 4-

Missouri Southern 2 Missouri Western 3

BASEBALL Lions finish fourth

BY NICK PARKER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ith # 2-2 record at the MIAA tournament last weekend, the Missouri Southern baseball team finished its 1997 campaign with a 27-23 overall mark and a fourth-place finish in the conference.

"We didn't play too well in the middle of the season," said R.J. Forth, junior outfielder, "but I think we finished strong." Chris Ralfin, sophomore pitcher

and first baseman, said his team played beyond the expectations many had for the youthful team. The whole year our guys stuck

together," Ration said. "We had a lot of talent. We played well at times, and we we played bad at times." The Lions opened the MIAA tour-

nament Friday with a 13-2 loss to Washburn.

Southern bounced back, downing

miaa baseball POST-SEASON

Game I-Missouri Southern 2 Washburn 13 Game 2-

Missouri Southern 7 Missouri Western 6

Game 3-Missouri Southern 7

Washburn 2 Game 4-

Missouri Southern 9 Missouri Western 14

Missouri Western 7-6 in 10 innings. On Saturday, the Lions eliminated Washburn with a 7-2 victory. But CMSU knocked Southern out of the tourney, 14-9.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Former Lion assistant dies at 57

BY NICK PARKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

onald Ellis, 57, former assistant men's basketball L coach at Missouri Southem, died Monday at his home in Carl Junction after a lengthy bout with cancer.

from 1974-87 under R.C. Shipley, Gary Garner, and Chuck after he left the College. Williams.

west Missouri State Uni-versi- he left.

Williams said he had remained in contact with Ellis since their time together at Southern.

"I had just visited with him a few weeks ago," Williams said. "I knew he was in bad health, but I

didn't know it was this bad. This an edge while recruiting and in comes as quite a shock and a surprise.

"He was with me approximately 10 years, over that time we obviously had a lot of dealings together. We developed quite a good friendship."

Jim Frazier, men's athletic Ellis served as assistant coach director, said Ellis remained a supporter of Southern athletics

"He has been a vital part of the Williams is now an assistant Missouri Southern athletic tradiprofessor of health, physical edu-tion," Frazier said. "Ron was a

> "He in definitely too young to be gone; he still had a lot to offer."

> At Southern, Ellis' primary responsibilities were recruiting. Frazier and Williams said his

dealing with the players as a coach.

'Ron's personality was what gave him his strength," Williams

"He got along with people well. He was not only a coach, but also a friend to many of the play-CTS. Before coming to Southern,

Ellis taught and coached at Webb City High School from 1968-74.

After leaving the College, he cation, and recreation at South- very loyal supporter even after worked as a building contractor in the Joplin area.

A memorial service was held Wednesday evening at Hedge-Lewis Funeral Home in Webb

Graveside services well be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mount Hope personable demeanor gave him Cemetery.

The numbers and facts ady LionSoftball

LionBaseball

1. Central Missouri 2. Pittsburg State

3. Emporla State 4. Missouri Southern

5. Washburn 6. Missouri-Rolla

7. Northwest Missouri 8. Missouri Western 9. Southwest Baptist 10. Lincoln

11. Truman State

MIAA Standings Through April 29 (conf. overall)

17-2, 30-9

17-7, 38-16

12-8, 23-15

12-10, 27-23

11-10, 25-23

10-13, 20-17

8-11, 16-21

8-11, 18-20

8-12, 18-16

3-15, 8-27

7-14, 15-23

Southern

Batting Average 1. Esposito, Daniel, Sr., PSU · A83 2. Gooderin, David, Jr., CMSU - .462

Stats

3. Centresas, Oscar, Jr., ESU - 431 4. Shorter, Brad. Jr., PSU - .416 Runs Batted in

1. Esposito, Daniel, Sr., PSU - 65 2. Barlet, Jeremy, Jr., ESU - 46 3. Gooderin, Dave, Jr., CMSU - 42 4. Myers, Matt. Sr., PSU - 56

Earned Run Average 1 Clark, Eric, So., CMSU - 2.95 2. Bybec, Mark, Jr., 58U - 2.93 3 Cronk, Daryl, So., PSU - 3.06



1. Central Missouri 2. Pittsburg State

3. Northwest Missouri 4. Washburn 5. Missouri Western

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MIAA Standings Through April 29

(conf. overall)

14-1, 32-7 10-4, 24-15 10-5, 21-18

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5-10, 18-15

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8-5, 24-20 7-6, 32-15 7-8, 18-17 3. Atldns, Stacy, Jr., SBU - 33 6-8, 18-16

Batting Average 1. Graham, Shelly, Fr., PSU - 560

2. Gunn, Shannon, Fr., MWSC - 470 3. Alt. Becca, Jr., UMR - .453 4. Sulbran, Megan, Fr., TSU - 394

Southern

Stats

Runs Batted In

1. Temple, Allison, So. ESU - 32 I Urguhart, Amanda, Fr., MWMSU - 24

4. Holston, Tabiths, Jr., PSU - 29 Earned Run Average

1. Trantham, Holly, Sr., MSSC - 1.00 2. Berg Mandee, Sr., CM5U - 1.03 3. Teri Mathia So., MSSC - 1.20

SouthernSignees

every Lion fan should know.

Track & Field -

Kalyn Baugh.

Carthage, Mo.

Candy Slems.

Long Jump, Triple Jump

Tulsa, Okla., Discus

Basketball -

■ Larry Gause.

Memphis, Tenn., Guard

FOOTBALL

Missouri Southern's treshman quarterback Rodney McClure (with ball) finds a hole behind offensive lineman Jason Owen (72) to break Into the endzone during Saturday's leam scrimmage



McClure produces in scrimmage

Lions' 1997 Football Schedule

Sept. 13 — NE State University, Home, 7 p.m.

Sept. 20 — NW Missouri State, Away, TBA

Sept. 27 — Pittsburg Stale University, Home, 7 p.m.

Oct. 4 — Missouri Western State, Away, TBA

Oct. 11 — Central Missouri State, Away, TBA

Oct. 18 — Emporia State, Home, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 25 -- Washburn University, Away, TBA

Nov. 1 - Missouri-Rolla, Home, 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 8 — Southwest Baptist, Away, TBA Nov 15 — Truman State University, Home, 1:30 p.m.

81 RICK ROGERS

DITOR-IN-CHIEF

fter Saturday's final team scrimmage Missouri Southas head football coach Ion Lantz seems to be wearing a larger gran under his woolly mustache

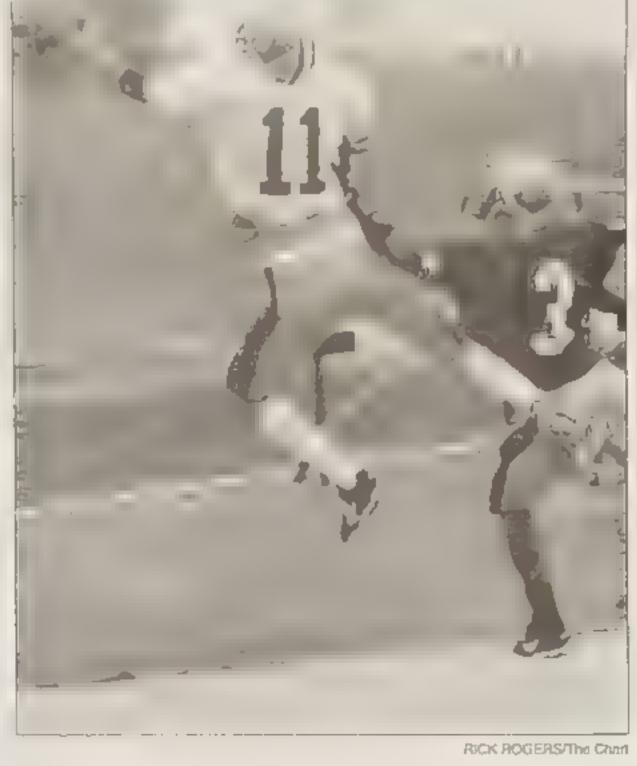
And the reason is simple Heading into the 1997 football season, Lantz and B. Lions look to be back. You are just fortunate at this in a unusual situation - two competent quarterbacks in sophomore Brad Cornelsen and freshmen Rodney McClure

With Cornelson sitting out. No 3 ranking, finished last season.

Saturday's semmage, Lantz said he wanted McClure to make the practice similar 🖪 a game atmos-

"I feel like we can win in this league with any one quarterback." Lantz said, "which is saying something I don't think that we have ever had that since Matt Cook and Rod Smith were both at quarterlevel to even have one quarter-

The Lions after beginning their 1996 campaign 5-Dand fielding a



Missouri Southern's sophomore wide micelyer Bobby Campbell attempts a one-handed catch during Saturday's all-team scrimmage.

with a 6-4 record. Lantz said he thinks next fall's team can fielding a different surprise title improve on last season's record

"I probably look **π** last year's team differently," he said.

*I felt like finishing 6-4 was really not overachieving, really not underachieving, but just achieving at the level I expected."

With the MIAA's tradition of contender each season, Lantz said he hopes the Lions are that squad this fall.

"I would like to think that we have more going for us than a lot of other teams in the conference," he said. D

BASEBALL

Smith plants imprint during 1st year

BY RICK ROGERS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

or many freshmen college baseball players are fortunate enough at be in Brad Smith's

Smith a 1996 graduate of Baxter Springs (Kan.) High School has quickly adapted to the collegiate baseball scene by nabbing a starting role at third base with Missouri Southern

His first order of business was having to switch from playing shortstop, where he was featured in high school to third base

Even though he lacks the experience of many of his teammates. Smith seems # bave no problem. handling the hot corner for the Lions.

"I really like playing third a lot." Smith said "You don I have as much time when the ball w coming III you It really comes a lot quicker and forces you in react on instinct."

One at Smith's biggest defensive highlights this season was a gave-saving stab against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"The game was fied in extra innings, and they had the bases loaded and two outs," he said

"This guy hit the ball to my left, and I went back for a and threw the guy out at first. After that, we came back and won the game."

In those isn't the only aspect of the game Smith has worked on during his first season with the Lions He finished the year batting 374 with 54 runs scored and 71 hits.

He also produced some clutch hitting while batting in the middle of the Lions' line-up with five home runs 43 RBIs, and 17 doubles Smith's biggest game to the batter's box was a 3-for-4 performance against the University of Arkansas on

being able to swing the bat well against college baseball for American Legion Post 206. 7

pitching in the MIAA conference.

"The pitchers are smarter in college," he said "There are a few high school pitchers that are good, but in college they think the same and try to locate the ball in different places."

But it hasn't always been easy for the freshman. "In the fall it started out pretty bad," Smith said. "I

post wasn't used 🎟 practicing everyday, for about three or four hours, I didn't like it a whole lot."

Things seemed a change for Solith, however, once the spring schedule was in full bloom

*Once we got a chance to start playing, it has been a lot better " be said "I have had a lot more fun."

Unlike high school baseball. Smith has had to deal with the physical wear and tear on his body because 🚟 Southern's grueling sched-

*Coming out here every day and playing two games eday doesn't give you much time to rest a whole lot." he

Much of how Smith made # to the collegiate level mests on his Baxter Springs baseball upbringing

"Ever since I was a little kid. I just played baseball and tried at learn the game," by said. "Now I am in a different phase of the game

Smith played four seasons for the Baxter High Even though his numbers prove he as hitting the baseball Lions, and also played football during his ball well. Smith admits his toughest challenge is high school years. He spent his summers playing

Ever since I was a little kid I just played baseball and tried to learn the game. Now I am in a different phase of the game.

> **Brad Smith** Lions' third baseman

After adapting to playing third base this season, Missouri Southern's freshman sensation Brad Smith has been a sweet surprise for the Lion coaching staff after batting .374 this year

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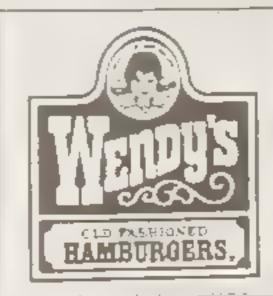
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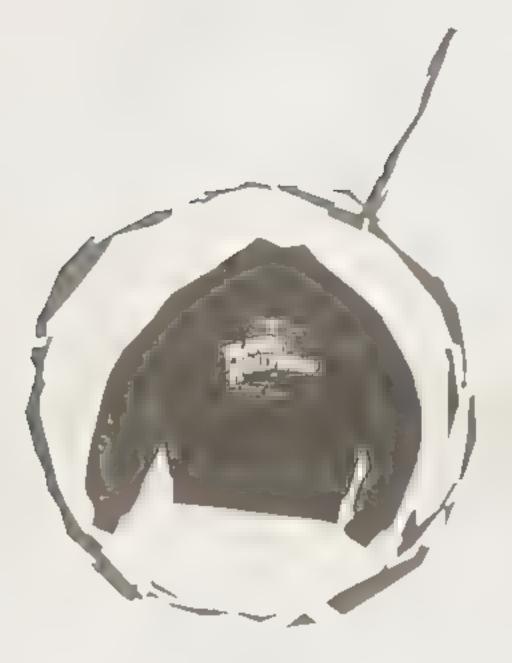
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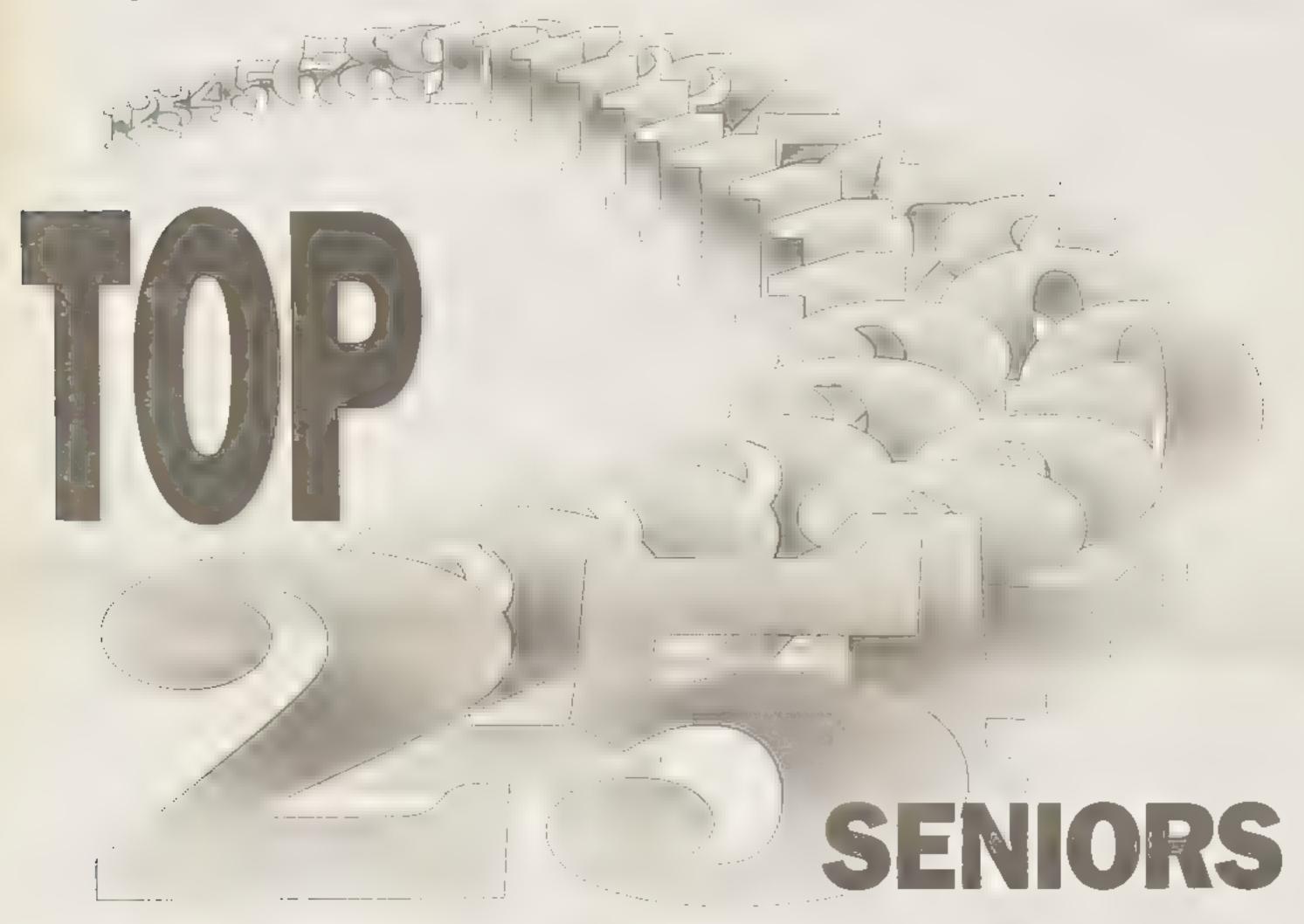
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Top 25

Seniors

Illena Volskay

Name:

Major:

Biology

GPA:

Volskay: Take each class, day as it comes

BY EILEEN COR

. Missouri Southern has its very in greenbouse, and one of its caretakers is Allena Volskay ensor biology major The has foliped malatain the greent

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> "becau-Shi tool this imply a hobby and has remained in the class for three

Volskay savy Or James Jackson, professor m biology is her favorite instructor

"He makes whatever he's teaching tun and he - excited about it." she said

Along with her classes Volskay has kept busy with such activities as

playing claring in the orchestra for Camelot in 1995. and for the spring band. She has participated in the Biology Club Honors Club, and Math Club, at 4 she spent three weeks at Oxford University last sum-

Vegetational Analysis and his done photography or medical school." Jackson said. "She went into cate program She has chosen a curver se biological and illustrations for George Washington Carver

MIKE FORTH

Microscopes are just part 🗟 a day's work for Allena Volskay, sonior biology major, who maintains a 4 o grade-point average in addition to playing the clarinol, doing volunteer work, and participating in clubs

14 mentary School as a volumes r for three years.

"She sivery talented and artistic," said Dr. Dorothy Bay, assistant professor of biology. "Her knowledge of botany is especially good."

"Allena really cares about what she's learning, Jackson said. He has known her for six years and believes she has an obsolute commitment to perfection in understanding the concepts that are in the SCIENCE COURSES.

"She let her heart choose her course III study and professional growth, rather than integrating berself she has worked for Prairie Restoration into some already existing route at graduate school of California-Santa Cruz and foin the one-year certifbotany because the fored botany."

Volskay's hobbies include reading books about adventures and taking care of the family pets and farm animals. She shares the farm with her perceisand her sister, Delinda, a vetermanan. Her other sixter, Edna, died M leukemia at the age of 18 in 1992.

Volskay's family played an important part in her achievements

They've given me an awful lot of support over the years," she said "I could not have kept a 4.0 without

She plans to attend graduate school at University and botanical illustration. To

Amy Mayberry, senior psychology major, says being involved is important.

Overseas travel highlights experiences

BY BRIAN SHIVLEY CH : TREPORTER

The applause is a overwhelmine. tudience members were pounding on the table and shout-

ing "More" West " "Sounds of Missouri," a otopieco band comprised of instrumentalists from scross the

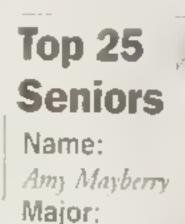
state had just finished a performance in Germany, and Ann. Mayberry was trying to absent the experience

"Audiences an just mon appreciative over then " said Mayberry, a senior psychology major. They seem to love American music. and the way they show appreciation just seems to be more active."

Mayberry was able to tour with the band in Europe twice during her time at Missouri Southern, and though the travel stands out as a highlight at is only one of many things she has experienced and accomplished.

"Getting involved is so important to me," the said "It is what I thrive on."

"She is always busy trying a expand her horizons," said Robert Meeks, assistant protessor at music Mayberry defines herself as goal-oriented



Major: Psychology GPA: 3.944



However, her goal at not all compete with others, but with herself

"When I set a goal for myself, I am come to achieve it," she said T am still working on a few that I haven't achieved. I don't want to drop my standards,"

While Mayberry is proud of all her accomplishments, the one she is

anost grateful for in the Outstanding Graduate distinction swirded by Southern's Alumni Association:

"Arm is not asse in excellent student she seems to B very good at everything she does," said Or Brian Babbitt, professor of psychology

The pace Mayberry keeps is amplified even more by her off-campus activities. She has worked is the furn Around Ranch, Omri-Center's youth residential center, and is on staff at the College Steeling Center

Somewhere she has found the time, though In her five years of college she has completed 176 hours of credit and earned a 3.944 grade-point average

Mayberry is from fronton, Mo., located about two hours south of St. Louis, and was

drawn to the campus after auditioning for Meeks. 'He made a big impression on me," Mayberry said

"And he is still one of my favorite teachers." "

TOP 25 SENIORS

MOKE FOWTHE THAT Her pending graduation lan't the only thing on the mind of Amy Reif, senior psychology/Spanish major, who is also busy planning for her May 31 wedding

Reif advises others to have fun

By MOOSE LEIGHTON CHART REL STEE

hile earning a 1.0 grade-point werage at Missouri Southern amy Reil psychology/Spanish major, also gained the heart of her for the husband

"I've known him since my freshman. The letter until the year," she said "We've been dating over three years and we plan to get married. May 51.7

Reif: fiance, Gregory Symmons (s.a.c. m. puter information systems major (1) both will gra by Alay 17.

They recently bought a house in high school student Duquesne and will move in after their marmage in lune she will begin working with Leggett & Platt in the company's international division.

Reif graduated valedictorian from would love to have Osborne (Kan.) High School in 1993. She has always done well in school, but getting straight A's wasn't forced on Reit and her sisters Anastraia and Allison Her parents Al and Ann onh - neouraged them

"My parents never expected us miget the scholarship so here I am." A's," she said. They just encouraged us to do our best. They started our education at an early age by reading to us, and that the turn expanded our learning I got my GPA from a lot of hard studying."

Reif has by a member of the to a program som her freshman vear

"I never even heard of Southern until 1 received a letter from in [Lanny] Ackiss the direct of the onors program," said. I read it and tossed it aside with the mail from a " incl of other coffeges."

Reif forgol about day Ackiss called and asked her to usit the

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Reif was interested as only a single major s Spanish until she took her honors General Psychology chica-

"Dr. Brian Babbitt got me really excited. about the field of psychology," she said. "I

would say the be so one of my lavority teachers,"

Babbitt professor of psychology said, "You as one of the best students I ever had She is well organized and concess. and I had to know her on a personal level . . . it is a nice maassuming person who

> interacts well with others."

Reif said she might have done things a latte differeath with her time. at Southern

"I wouldn't have stressed out so much about all the details of my sehool work," she kaid. "I would have taken muse time to have fun; Uhad fun. but I could have had a lot more if I hadn't been so worried."

Her advice to others?

*Pay attention to the school work because it's important, and that's why you're here " the said "But don't obsess over every single detail; relax a little bit and have fun, too." (1)

Top 25 Seniors

Name: Amy Reif Major: Psychology! Spanish GPA:

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Father's illness prompts career decision for Trewin

Competitive spirit drives nursing major to excel

BY HELEN POWERS CHART REPORTER

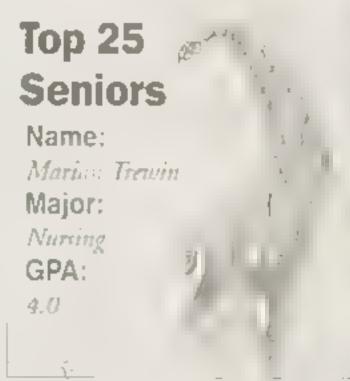
hildren often act out roles, such as pretending w % a nurse, that they have seen on television. Some prefend to be people they have become family inc with in a variety of profes or a Pretending has become a reality for Marian Trewin.

"I was about 7 when my father Dale Trewin was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy or enlarged heart." she said "I would accompany him or his frequent trips ... the hospital then help him when we were at home."

Because of this at the age of 21. Trewin a nursing may of will graduate with a 300 grade-point average

"I am very competitive within myself." she said 'I didn't enter college with the intent ill having a 4.0 GPA. I just enjoy helping people, just like I used III help my father."

The only child of Dale and Rildz Trewin she received plenty of support and encouragement while growing up in



Joplin "They never pressured my the grades didn't matter as long is I did my best." Trewin said

In 19 is the received her associate s degree from Missouri Southern Trewin has been employed at St. John's Regional Medical Center for the past three years cardiac surgery

After graduation, she may become a trav-

A traveling nurse goes in different bospitals for an approximate 13-week stay then moves on to the next anywhere in the



Merian Trewin senior nursing major, has been working at St. John's Regional Medical Center since 1995. She hopes to become a traveling nurse after graduation.

country. "I think that a traveling ourse would a very interesting but I'm not sure yet, to the meantime I'll stay in St. John's," she said.

"I'd like at continue my education and specialize later on, but I need a break from school," Trewin said

"For the last four years, I go ## work |

go to class | definitely need a break."

Her advice to others makes her sound wiser than her were

office of in ≪ so important, so stay in with a life of your all: getting a degree at required these days for most everything we

"It's almost expected," Trewin said. "I

Student credits success to family support



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Rebacen Qualls, senior English education major, thinks the influence of instructors is vital at success.

BY BENJI TUNNELL

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4 Bott, b. rammethate family and her extended family were instrumental in her college career.

"I really have a wonderful group of friends and family I couldn't have made if through without them?

Q . has been married 12 years # her to a lid Kirk and he has two daughters. Leslic and Ashley

Qually taught College Orientation ...

1994 to a class of non-traditional students. Being a non-tradifional student berself, she was able to enpara her experiences. to them.

"A lot of things I told them I wouldn't tell other students."

She has some advice for non-traditional students, especially

those just starting out. "Don't feel like you're not a part," she said. "Other students usually look up to you as role models." During her four and a half years it Southern Qualis spill

her time between taking can of hir (mily and concentrating ther studies She was also a member of the International Reading

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" school if the First Dapling Church in canona Bin, and norks ath the youth the n. She also particle a c in fund-raisers for the fire Intent

en she third about the influence of participal theils believes the Missouri Southern Englit Jepan ment was probably the most impor-

"I don't know if I could pick a Javorite in the state of the said The whole I nglish department was a Qually is happy with her choice of

Southern is her college. She believes the small dress that for more personal time with the instructors (the only weakors) the

believes the College has is a lack of communication three the different schools.

Currently substituting, Qualty is looking tomorty, time position. She would, however like to lear a graword of wisdom to Southern's underclassment

"Just hang in there," she says, "It's definitely work"on

Old-fashioned studying produces positive results

By MOOSE LEIGHTON CHAST REPORTS

Vocus drive and the desire to saere tura a why left I rickson emoreconomics and finance major is anthe top seek a time entors

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from hard work and sacrifice in his said. "I attribute my success III school to good. pld fashioned study BREE

Missouri Southern consume most of Erickson' (ome, but that's fine with him -

"I really don't mind the work," he said. "I'm happy with the time I've spent it. Southern It's been a positive experience. for me."

Erickson graduat-

ed salutatorian from Wheaton (Mo.) High School in 1992

"I was especially active in fine arts and have music," he said.

Erickson play first-chair customer for ti-Southern concert hand-

"One at the reasons I like playing at Southern is because of any anisa main for Mr Hobert Meeks," he said. He is ve a passionate about a co. He is able to use his enthusiasm to mouvate by The male was want to



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livid . H. Meeks *He is - ? stissied with maining on one is vel; he pushes himself achie

"His Coways has a positive outlook and is extremely triendly and outgoing," Mecks added "Jeff will be sorely missed,"

Lockson plans to attend the University at Missouri-Cohambia where he will study

Tive always been fascinated with law."



Jelf Erickson, senior economics and finance major, plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to study law after graduating with a 3.98 grade-point average

is said. "It has a rich and diverse history." He will also M seeking his MBA at

"It will only take a few mor hours to get the degree," he said. "I might as well do

Erickson said he will take several fond memones of Southern with him,

"Eve enjoyed the faculty and the stall at Southern," he said

"If I had to do st all over again, I wouldn't have changed a thing Southern has a lot of good qualities about a - us affordability for one. And I wouldn't have chosen my major if it weren't for the core curriculum." 🗇

Helping children Kluthe's career goal

B. JUSTIN SIFFORD CONTRACTER

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"The lesson, they learn in you! w school, in the most important, age to n's spiritual. needs an out of to their fature growth," she

Kluthe also fits time into her busy sched ule for her academic studies. Her tayonte class was the realtidisciplinary Hiroshinar class that was mediated by Dr. Alleis. Merriam, professor of communications, in the fall of 1995. There were different teachers every week, so we got different aspects from each of the various schools,"

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"I'd take classes been a the second and me not because they were to an major."

After graduation. Kluthe plans to pursue ber master's at Pittsburg State University

"I will always be a Lions' fan," she said. "Not a Gorillas" fan!" (T



Mike Wilson, essistant men's basketball coach, ill one of several men's coaches Jessee Klothe works with as a secretary in the mon's athletic department offices.

Education takes top spot on Van Dalsem's list



MEKE FOX The Charl

Shane Van Delsem plans to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia, then move into public policy. CHART REPLACES

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"After that, I would like to be involved with, education and public policy, maybe working as a college or an Aoc B. running for Congress or published office," he and Dalsem now lives by homeself in an off-campus students," he said "is your make education your apartment in Joplin.

"I like to live by myself," he said "It gets a bit noisy with other people that makes it hard to concentrate."

Dalsem said he liked the atmosphere and a sense of community Missouri Southern pro-Colors.

"The sel-" has good instructors," he said "but it's just

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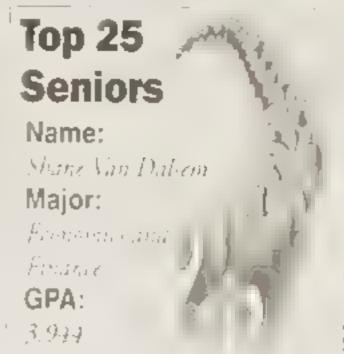
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sterly harder." he said, "It's an

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priority."

Ill what little spare time he has. Dalsem enjoys reading books, watching television, and playing racquetball.





Joyce Braudaway (left) enginally came to Missouri Southern for an associate's degr in parelegal studies. Now, she will receive a general studies bachetor's degree in May and the control of a people make the college.

God, willpower aid Braudaway's work

BY AMY HILL START BEFUR

ans people believe general studies degree is not a "real sizee like one a biology or 2 to the I yet Brandaway sees it to be enth however

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Various experiences empower Bosshart

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Upon graduation Rick Bosshart will move to Nashville, Tenn., with his family.

TOP 25 SENIORS



Todd Redger (right), economics and finance major with a grade-point average of 3.948, sold a major reason he came to Southern was because at its small class size.

Butler native loves working with numbers

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Top 25 Seniors

Name: Todd Hedger Major:

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Busy lifestyle doesn't leave Sage dizzy before graduation

By JEFF BILLINGTON CHARL REPUREL

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Accounting majors add up to lar



Donna Swatzell (right), hopes 🖾 start a career as an accountant after graduation.

Time is 'right' for Swatzell

BY JEFF BILLINGTON CHARL REPORTER

fter Donna Swatzell's husband Thomas, was transferred to the area six and a half years ago, she decided. to start college.

"I had just always wanted at take some college, and 2 was the right time 1 she said "A" friend of nunc had gone 🗰 a Return to Learn. class, and that got me started.

Top 25

Name:

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Accounting

Seniors

Donna Swatzell

part-time in the fall of 1991, has accomplished a 4.0 gradepoint average and will receive an accounting degree on May 17.

She chose Southern for several differcat reasons, including location, size and cost.

"It was close enough that it wouldn't take more time then necessary away from my fami-

 by," Swatzell sold "And I think I would have found I a little bit overwhelming III have 200 in my classes to start out with."

Two of her favorite instructors are Dr. James Shaver professor of accounting, and Mary Elick, associate professor of mathematies.

"I can imaging her GPA being very high: she's a very bright person," Shaver said. "She's the type of person who adds something to a class: she has good questions and adds to the discussions."

"One of the masons I like Dr. Shaver so well is because a couple of years ago I got really discouraged because I thought I'm

not getting anywhen, and everything seems to be going so slow," Swatzell said "He setare down and we planged it out a seemed. easier when I saw the progress I had made."

A Kentucky native, she moved to Carl-Junction with her husband and two children. sev and a half years ago.

"He's a claims adjuster for Shelter Insurance," Swatzell said. 'He applied for a supervisor's position and we moved here-

"Everybody says You're from the south Swatzell, who started at Missouri Southern - aren't you the way you talk'," she said "And

> I'm saying we are threetly east of here d you draw à line.

> "I didn't even know was from the south until I moved here." Swatzell added.

She has done everything from working in a Fisher. Price toy factors to collecting money for Hawaiian Tropic sunum lation

Right now I'm working as a pharmacy technician and

accounting clerk at Ozark Center," Swatzell said

She - a family-oriented woman.

Her parents owned a dairy farm in Kentucky until about three years ago

"When they were still out tarming, they could work circles around me." Swatzell said

She teaches the seventh-grade Sunday school class # 1 . Church # Christ at Fourth and Forest.

"It's a big part #8 our lives," Swatzell said. "Anytime we have moved away from our family, that (the church) becomes our fami-

Baker realizes value of

BY BENJI TUNNELL CHART REPORTER

ard work and perseverance may result in a good grade-point average, but it Lineeds to be balanced with enjoyable tree time. John Raker knows this well

Baker as counts catajor has tot a lot of work into his studies and that has no live or 4.0 GPA. His hard work has also re-tilted in

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John Baker

Accounting

iob awaiting him in Kansa - City at gradua tion On lune I he will · gin work for Mayer Haffman McCann

Baker graduated from the University & Kansas in 1990 with a bachelor. in business administration. He left his job m Roosevelt Financial Services, Inc., where he was an investment sales. manager, to return to school full-time. His duties there included supervising six branches ... and III sales associates.

One thing that Baker says has helped him in ... You're more than a number, you're a trate,

before listening to the feeture."

He also suggests making sure students clear on the subject matter being taught

"I've never been shy with regards to at questions. If there's something that I don't as well as I should, I won't let it pass me by:

Baker credit: the support of his wife of & three years. Elizabeth for allowing him to hi job and return to school full-time. He however have us all his KI baskethel se-

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Baker also cree Southern's farely, says the quanty instruction at South as comparable with at the University Kansas. "I really have age

ated the attention of to the students be

"He prepared," he said "Read the chapter". Dr. lames Shaver, professor of accounting

Personal touch helps graduate

By AMY HILL CHANT REPORTER

Nor many college students, picking a major can be a difficult task. But for others, like Rence Hopkins at was no trouble at all.

"I took an accounting class in high school," she said. "Hiked it from then on out."

Hopkins followed in her brother's footsteps and began classes & Missouri Southern as the fall of 1993. Southern was where she always wanted 🛍 go

In 1994 Hopkins became a member of the Phi Da Signa honor society. On May 17 she will graduate with a 3.97 GPA.

"You make a lot of contacts," Hopkins said of the Accounting Club, "professional contacts,"

The benefits of attending Southern for Hopkins have been the smaller size and the faculty and staff. She believes the small class size lends a more personal touch to education.

By the same token, she also believes the small size of the College could be a weakness.

"It isn't a university," she said. "Some employers look at that."

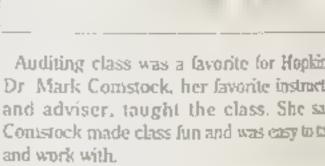
Top 25 Seniors

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Major: Accounting

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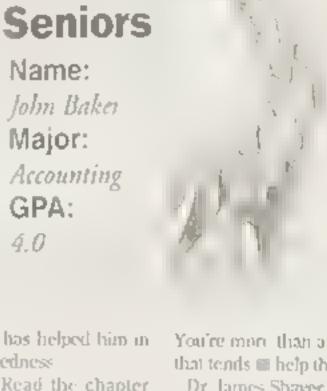
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*Renee is a very aggressive learner Comstock said. "She's shown a lot of lead ship and good team spirit."

For her, the key to success in college w hour after hour of studying.





e sum of Top 25 seniors

ducation, but free time balances life

Baker's adviser, believes Baker = destined to

He credits his determination for his success.

"He knew exacts what his goal was, and after by keep respectly what it was he needed to do to reach that goal in never samed in his one of the go: there," Staves said

Shaver also believe Baker will have no problems readapting to the vork force

"He s going to an excellent place and hell do an excellent od when he gets there is But up doubt that he'll is hugely occa-

When not ludving or attending classes Baker spend what little spare time he has among various hobbies. He likes gardening racque(ball, attending KI football and has ketball games anow and water skiing and

Baker is well traveled in high school he toured liah, France England and Greece, He has also been sloung in Austria, Germany, and Colorado, and he has visited Bermuda. Barbados, the Bahamar, and Hawaii

Baker, a member of the Accounting Cluband Alpha Chi, has also done some tutoring He believe - was helping others while also helping himself

"Not only did it allow me to give back some."



John Baker (right), will finish his collegiate education with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Accounting classes, like the ones taught by Or. James Shaver, were enjoyable, he said.

accounting in helping others."

Baker recommends studying something the transfer see through it." that you enjoy

are about you'll do better. he said. Whereas have to be pass on a of the help that I have received, but it also it you're just doing something because yours. "Work hard and play hard. That's my helped my to enhance my knowledge to supposed to be doing it and not really motto " T

in the analysis want to do it, it's going in be a

M M is leaving to a enter the working "If you have something you're very passion - world. Baker has one piece of advice he

Army injury forces Neely in new direction

BY BRIAN SHIVLEY CHART REPORTED

airy farming is the business that provides for the daily needs of C. Russ No to and his family

Top 25

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Name:

Major:

GPA:

3.944

Accounting

"The work is very satistying almost relax ing," said Neely is senior iccounting major with a 1.944 grade-point average. "it's very low key."

He gets up at 4:30 a.m seven days a week, to think his cows. He goes through the chores again every evening However, duto an injury assumed an the early 1970s, arthritis is beginning to limit his ability to accomplish the sometimes heavy physical requirements.

Because the injury occurred while he was serving as a U.S. Army tank commander, the Veterans Administration has provided the opportunity for him to neuran for a new cancer

The decision to study accounting was pretty much made by the V.A.? Neely said, I really had dirubts about whether I would like it, but a has turned out to be a great decision."

In 1978 Neeh graduated from Sul Ross State

University to western Texas with a degree or pahuezi scienci. Ilik has observed several differences in the environment of college life for a studen!

The ware still some students around who ari jusi herr because 🗷 is expected for them." Neely said 'bu' they seem to lift the excepnon a Southern Maybe it is because there are so mam students here who have returned in school after they have realized

how much an education can do for them."

His one complaint about Southern's account ing program is that the plan is laid out so extensively. Few choices are left in regard to class



Majoring to accounting worried C. Russ Neely who now calls it a "great decision."

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"Securities and, sis was the elector I chose in This med out to III my tavorite class." Nech sees the eskilt so that I could learn how to get rich (think I know how now a I only had the money ! (start."

Dr. Mark Comstock, assistant professor of business, describes Neeh as a leader in the CI2SSTUCKE.

"He asks good questions "Cornstock said. "He is good at digging out the information as class. that is going to benefit the whole class." T

Top Majors in the Top

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Biology4.0 students	2
Criminal Justice	T1
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Nursing	1 1
Social Science	1
*Spanish	1

Economics and Finance.....3 4.0 students Elementary Education2 4.0 students

English _ 4.P students

English Education... 4.0 students

General Studies..... 4.0 students

History 4.0 students

Management Technology _1 4.0 students

*Senior Amy Reil is a downle major to psychology and Spanish

After 5 years, Clark nears her dream of graduation

BY TERESA BLAND

Stant part at Julic Clark's life. In April she reached a goal that was two years in the making when she was inducted rate the honor society. Alpha Chi

The next goal to be reached, set five years ago, is so close within her grasp Graduation

Ulark an elementary education major

will graduate in May with a 3.94 gradepoint average. The road as reaching this goal hasn't been easy for Clark, both a fail-time student at Missouri Southern and a full-time single mother to Drew 12 Kristin 15 and KeSi, 17

"It's been stressful m times," she said "The kids have been super; they have been patient and understanding "It got to the point that when I said we were eating at McDonald's tonight the kids would go 'Oh no.' Clark chuckled "It used to be nest meat out but now they want me to

Top 25 Seniors

Name:

Julic Clark Major:

Elementary cducation

GPA:

3.94

wanted since I was little, but once I got into education and working with kids, I knew that's what I wanted as do.'

Clark has been student teaching in the Nevadac a local district since Lebruary, working with elementary and secondary students with learning disabilities.

"I toye it " she said "It's better than I thought it would be "

Since her area of concentration was teaching students with learning disabilities. Clark said a learning disabilities methods course was her tayonte class and Dr. Doreen Vicitez was her tayorite instructor.

"Sho is a wonderful of tructor." Clark said "Sho used wonderful notes and had great examples. Every week, sho had activities to go along with the things that she was teaching.

"She put us in the position of being a student with disabilities."

Vicitez, assistant professor of education was inspressed with Clark as a student and a person

"From all of her thoughtful comments and dynamic presentations, I expect her to be a creative and cannot teacher and create a positive environment for her students," she said.

"She will definitely make Missouri Southern proud."

In addition to her full-time duties. Clark has found time to participate in campus organizations.

"I was foundation officer for Kappa Delta Pi and vice president for the Council for Exceptional Children," she said

Clark won't be the only family member to graduate in two weeks

"Kelli and I graduate the same weekend, and it's a good thing I can't afford two of us in college," the said laughing

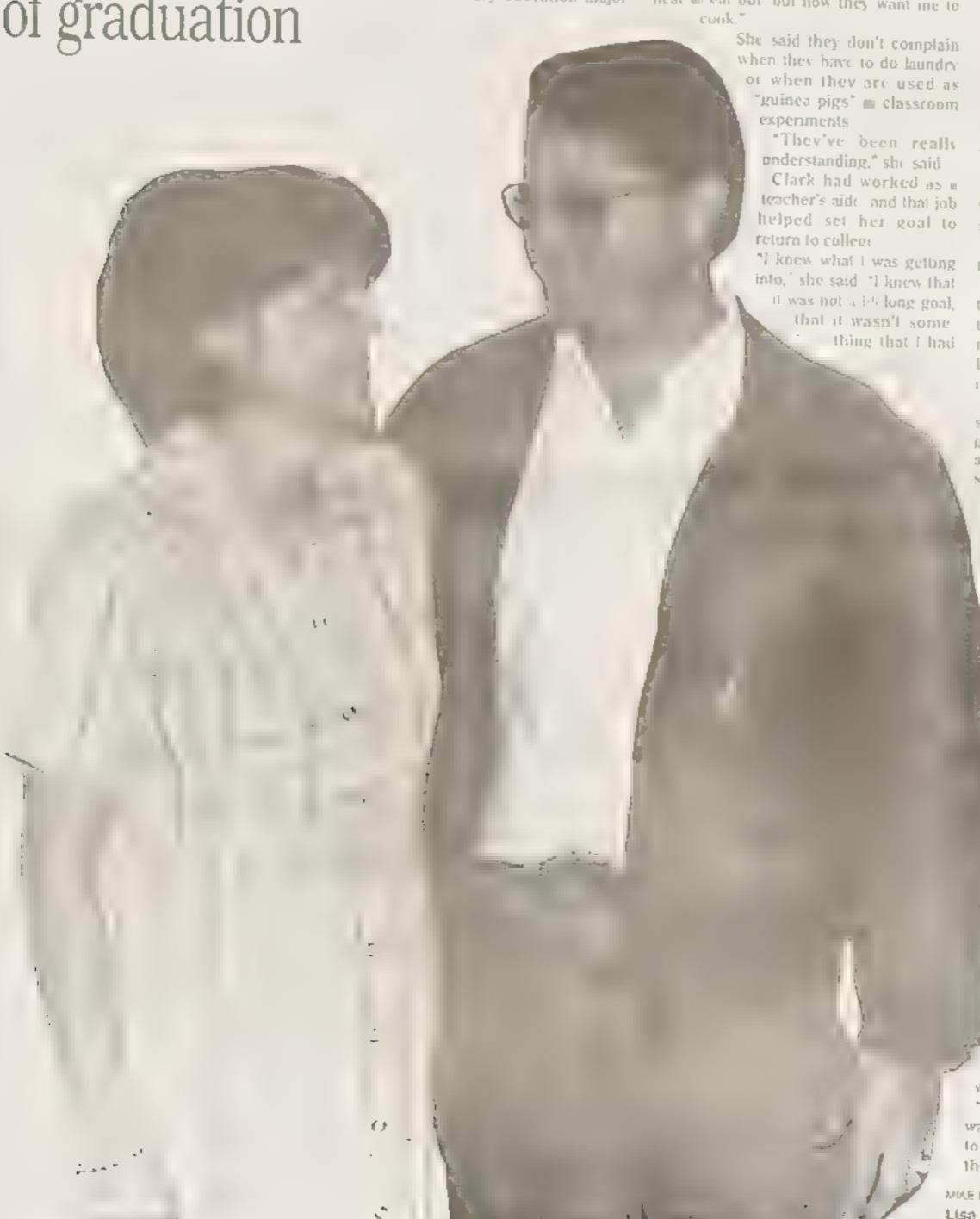
Clark's success as a parent, as a student and her potential success as a teacher can be credited to her family's combined efforts

"We've worked so hard for this and waited so long," she said.

"What got me through the tough times was knowing that this e as what I wanted to do I couldn't have done this without them."

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Lisa Ctark (left), says she couldn't have graduated without the help of her family.



Marriage, master's ahead for Gautz

seven-day field-work trip to Beliathe summer of 1995 stands apart for Kristin Gautz as she remembers her years at Missouri Southern.

Gautz and 16 other students and faculty studied birds, marine vertebrates and imericorates. Mayan ruins, public health, and water quality as part of a Biomes class the College offered

Top 25

Name:

Major:

Biology

GPA:

3.967

Seniors

Kristin Gautz

The way people five is so different," the said. The focus was on family People there weren't so much out (or themselves They seemed on be m louch with the important things in Efe."

Those same prionbes are important to Cautz, a senior biolo soy major, during this time of major transitions in her life. In the next few week

she intends start teaching an anatomy lab at Southwest Missouri State University, begin work on her master's decree, and get married

Her fiance in Carl Bliend, a nimor biology education major. After their May 31. redding, they intend to continue their education together in SMSI

metual interests in biology and education," Gaute said "It makes our relation. ship enjoyable "

The list of important activities had to be finited as her degree progressed A significant commute from surcomi - lasses that became more demanding as her degree

progressed and the hours she worked in the financial set office brought about her decision to decrease her involvement in the Biology Club and Koinonia She bas continued to be active in her church though

"Sometimes I'm pretty hard on myself." Gaulz said. "I want m 🛍 able m do my very best of whatever fattempt so keeping everything in balance is sometimes.

However, performing at the peak of her

ability netted Gautz respect from her instructors and a 3.97 grade-point average While both are important to her, neither was the reason she pushed herself so hard

"I really wanted to perform," Gautz said "I want my teachers to know that they are not wasting their ener ## I believe that giving your best

effort in a class is the best company of that we can possibly give a teacher."

While she was hard pressed to a me uninstructor is not layer to she said Dr. Jame Jackson, professor of b logs played an important role in Boligovich and her education

As her adviser Jackson directed heren proved engentant to gaining her object

'Existin provides the kind of fee fback that makes teaching enjoyable." Jackson said. "She mas a real desire as learn, and that illows me in be a facilitator for the learning process as opposed to trying "



Kristin Gautz (right) has several plans after graduating from Missouri Southern. two of which are a May 31 wedding and starting on her master's degree at SMSU.

binulate the fesin to burn."

"We have so much as common with our to the person of summer interns" as that the chapman cancer institute. in Joplin. The next summer she specified the United Sets of Newscale Contains Epples Cancer (5-1,191)

> Her work then included a ground work study in the pursuit at a tumor cell va-

"It was just required preliminary studies

the a much farger study fishe said. I During the summer of 1995 trauti worked shour to hours a week for 10. weeks establishing data for the program that I was participating in."

Gautz said she enjoyed her time at Southern

The teachers ben make a huge difference. They beloed me to know that the best teachers are out for the best for their ore leads. That's the way I want III be." "

G.I. Bill instrumental in Mitchell's 4.0 average

College's small classes attractive to graduate

BY LESUE FLETCHER CHART REPORTER

ard work as not a new term for Brian Mitchell

Mitchell a management major. started college at the age of 21 after spending three years in the service.

"I went into the Army to reserve the G.I. Bill to help pay for college, he said "I had to maintain a good GPA to keep the hand, or I would be paying for it."

He did maintain the GPA, graduating in December 1996 with a 4.0

"I think Southern's biggest strength is

the small classes," he said

"I got m know a lot m peop!" at school The teachers are another esset at Southern."

Mitchell said his tayonte instructor was Or TA Vernon assistant proposed of business.

"His classes were very challenging for me, and he was always there to belp the students with questions so might have." Mitchell said

"Brisp knew the value at his education and didn't waste any hours." Vernon said The tried to make an A on even assignment in even class."

Mitchell said most of his classes came easy for him.

"Physical science was the hardest class I took at Southern," he said.

Atten starting college at the age of 50 Mr. bell said the only thing that he would have done deferredly was becoming more involved socially as different activities

Upon his graduation from Southern Mills half and he was concerned about contribute acours) students from larger coversors or transfer market

"Southern is so small I was afraid I might be overlooked." he said "I think that is grades made all the difference in

Mitchell and his wate, Shannon moved to Minnesota right after M finished his

He started working for Hormel Foods Jan. 1

"Everything as what you make it it," he szid "Give it your all." 3





Jeremy Brown, senior English major, said he received much in his support through his college career to his parents and sa many of his professors m Missouri Southern, But now Brown looks lonvard to a fun almosphere at graduate school WIKE FOW

Adventures, studies, Shakespeare just a few of Brown's first loves

By BETH HAMILTON CHART REPORTER

magine spending three weeks in picturesque England and attending Oxford University.

Think about studying Shakespeare and attending a few plays executed to his homeland That's what Jeremy Brown, English major, did last summer

"That's probably why Hike Shakespeare so much The said.

The very next semester. Brown enrolled in the Shakespeare class # Missouri Southern. This was his favorite class taught by Dr William Kumbier associate professor of Francisco.

Brown m now working on his honors project With Kumbier as his adviser, he once avior deals with Shakespean

"It (the project) is on film versions of

Kumbier is Brown - 'avoriti instructor because he is "so knowledgeable about so many different things," Brown enjoys just taliana with him.

*Jeremy has incredible enthusiasm for that subject (his honors project)," Kumbier says. "He has great intelligence insight, and selfdiscipline in writing

"He really jumps at the chance to engage difficult issues."

fronteally enough, Kumbier also taught Brown's most difficult class - Literary Cottonsm

Brown says hard work and determination

explain how he manages @ graduate this month with a 3.948 grade-point average

"I always enter a class with the expectation that I'm going to get an 'A'," he said

He explains he has also had much encouragement from people. "I owe my success to my sources of support, such as my parents," he says "And talking # Dr David Ackiss and Dr. Patricis Kluthe helped me with my indecision *

Brown's Jamily include his parents. Tom and Kathy; an older brother, David 24; a younger brother Nick III and a collie, Speacer

He has been involved in the Baptist Stadent Union Koinonia. Sigma l'au Delta, Umierem Delta Kap-Epsilon Mu Signers and he attends North Main Street Baptist Ch-

He is in the honors program and has worked at Community Bank and Trust for three years. He is currently doing an internship at Children's Miracle Network where he writes stories for newsletters and letters to people and is coordinating a program called the "Safe Kids Coalition."

He thinks the strength of Southern is that

it is small and students are able in know their instructors personally. He says its weakness is that it's such a commuter campus and there isn't really a "true college atmosphere" on the campus.

"Everybody goes home after classes," he

A fun atmosphere is one thing Brown looks forward III with graduate school. He

plans 💷 take next year off, working and applying to graduate schools. His interests include creative writ ing and law

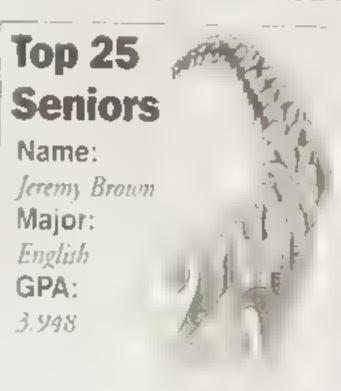
"I'd like to go into creative writing but I don't know it I can it's pretty tough," he

His advice to other students is m pick a major as soon as possible. That is one thing he wishes he would bave done 🚟 realizes now that

majors are somewhat versatile. "It doesn't matter so much what you're majoring in," he explains. "As long as you have a college educanon, you can do a M of different things."

Brown has obviously had to study frequently m maintain his grades but he still finds time m go out with his triends.

"You don't really know anything about literature unless you know about life." I



Bachelor's degree tip of learning iceberg

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he desire to teach motivated senior English education major Patricia Hinds to return to se hool and soar to a 3.974 grade-point average.

Teaching English is just something I always wanted to do. It's fun!" she said

Rieds plans to go to Southwest Missouri Stale University in the fall to pursue a maso's degree in English

I would like to teach at the community roller level "the said.

hight now, she is student teaching at Joola High School

"It's a lot of papers to grade, but I'm really enjoying the classes," she said.

Her secret to being successful is to study. bard, he well-organized, and use time visobi

"I don't think that I am necessarily marter than anyone else," she said. 'It just takes a lot of self-discipline and hard mark."

Hods also has an understanding family that has supported her since she came to Southern in 1990.

My husband is the one who encouraged me to go back to school, and my family also supported me and helped a lot at home, she said.

She has two daughters. Her older daughter. Cindy, is married, and her younger daughter, Kristen, is a sophomore at Herce City High School.

Hinds' hometown is Denver, Colo ...



LEKE FOLTH CHIE

Education major Patricia Hinds isn't through learning yet. After she receives her degree from Missouri Southern she plans to go to Southwest Missouri State University.

where she graduated from high school in 1968.

The opportunity wasn't there Ito go on to college! after I graduated from high school, but finally it came and I was able to go back," she said.

Hinds loves literature and the English language. She said her favorite instructors were Dr. Dale Simpson and Dr. Henry Harder, professors of English.

"Dr. Simpson is my advisor, and he has been a wonderful friend as well," she said. American Literature and English Literature, Hinds' most interesting classes, were taught by Simpson and Harder.

They're very knowledgealile and understandable instructors," she soud

Simpson and Harder returned the compliments.

Patricia is a very talented, bright, and

Top 25 Seniors Name: Patricia Hinds Major: Elementary Education GPA: 3.974

concerned student," Simpson said. "She always does a high degree of quality. studying She is an excellent writer. thinker, and researcher."

Patricia it a bright, well-prepared student," Harder said. "She always appears to we interested in the subject, bringing new ideas into the literature. I have a great respect for her as a student and as a per-500.

Hinds also has a high regard for other English instructors, such as Dr. Hency Morgan and Dr. Doris Walter, professors of English

They're very good and devoted instructors. They're great" she said.

Hinds said she has met some of the best friends she has ever had at Southern.

"We are sharing ideas together, the ways to learn and teach. It's helpful," she said. "

Active senior takes time to excel through studying



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Amber Peterson, criminal justice major, was a standout for the softball squad.

Peterson credits higher power for her classroom success

BY MARILYN HAZBOUN CHART REPORTER

od and Amber Peterson, a 4.0 senior at Missouri Southern, have good hand in hand through college together.

"I memorize stuff and pray to God to help me on the test," said Peterson, a criminal prstice major "God is the main factor why I'm a honors student and happy."

She belongs to two Southern clubs. Koinonia and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Peterson also attends either St. Mary's or St. Peter's Catholic churches in Joplin.

She is on the Lady Lion softball team, where she plays first base. Basketball was Peterson's forte. but Southern has fast-pitch softball, which interested her. She tried out for the softball team and pursue a J.D. degree. made it.

We only had slow puch in high school," Peterson said. "I didn't want to do it, and I was a little tired of basketball after playing since fifth grade."

She was born in Springfield and lived short periods of time in many places. She graduated from high school in Siloam Springs. Ark: Peterson had two reasons for coming to Missouri for her degree.

"I came to Southern for its criminal justice school," she said. "Tve heard it's top five in the nation, and also it had softball."

Trina Scott, assistant professor il law enforcement, inspired Peterson III continue her education after Southern.

*Dr. Scott was always asking me, So you're going to law school, right? I kept telling her No." Peterson said.

Scott was extremely persistent with her questioning. Peterson changed her mind and decided to

"Amber is a multi-talented young lady who will make a fine contribution to the legal profes-

call her a prolessional colleague." Peterson has been accepted into two law schools, the University of Missouri-Columbia and the

sion, Scott

said "I would

be happy to

University Of Arkansas. She doesn't know which one she'll pick She

prays about it continually, Peterson's best advice for students is to "just believe in him (God). He's going to do through you whatever his wants done. Even if you don't follow what last wants, he'll forgive you."



Weber: Oxford bound

BY JUSTIN SIFFORD CHART REPORTER

hile most students were working summer jobs, Mark Weber, senior history major, was studying abroad and absorbing all aspects of historical culture.

"I took my summers and went to seminars - history, philosophy, economics - and the best thing about them is that they're

Top 25

Seniors

Mark Weber

Name:

Major:

History

GPA:

3.976

free!" he said.

Using his summers is study isn't the only reason Weber. has achieved a spot among the top 25 graduating seniors with a 3.976 grade-point average.

Weber, who will graduate May 17, said the secret to his success is no riddle. Hard work, turning in assignments, and going to class are the three main elements to doing well in college, he said.

Weber says his favorite time frame in history is the medieval period. This would explain why his favorite class

was English History to 1660, taught by Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history. Weber was also among the few students who had the opportunity be study at Oxford last summer.

culture, the pubs were great too," he said.

Weber, in fact, will seek a second bachelor's degree at Oxford, making him the first Missouri Southern student to seek and receive regular admission to the prestigious university. He will eater the hallowed halls at the ancient institution in the fall.

*Besides the atmosphere of the old buildings and the surroundings, it's the 700-year-old traditions and the intellectually vibrant academics that I'm really

looking forward to," he said.

Weber will study modern history, 17th and 18th century English history specifically, in Lady Margaret Hall. There is no better place to study English history than m Oxford," he said.

Al Missouri Southern, Weber was an active member of the Philosophy Club, Epsilon Mu Sigma, Phi Alpha Theta, and Pi Gamma Mu He enjoys intramural basketball and is a big fan of Woody Allen.

The thing I like most about Southern is the small classes," he said "You get a chance to talk one-on-one with professors, a thing you can't always do at

larger universities."

Weber's favorite instructor, Dr. Robert Markman, associate professor of history, had this in say about Weber, 'He is a first-rate student, well read, interest-*Being in England was great. It's a very different ed, and focused. He is joy to have in class."



Dr. David Ackiss, professor at English (left), looks over papers with Mark Weber, senior history major, in the honors office. Weber spent part of last summer at Oxford University in England.

'Bright' and 'intuitive' define overachieving mom BY SUSIE FRISBIE



MIKE FOX/The Chart

Social science education major, Kerry Durham is the mother of an 8-year-old girl and maintains a 4.0 GPA.

CHART REPORTER

Her spending several years out III the classroom, Kerry Durham, a social science education major, returned to further her education.

Durham did so in perfect fashion, carning a 4.0 grade-point AVERAGE.

Name:

Major:

GPA:

4.0

"I'm a non-traditional student doing the traditional four years," She said.

Along with maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Durham also served as secretary of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honors society, and was a member of Pi Alpha Zeta, a history honors society.

Durham, who has lived in the McDonald County area most of her life, has found a way to balance her love of education and her family education.

Teaching is a good job for a parent when you have summers off and a similar schedule to your child," she said.

Prior to entering Missouri Southern. Durham attended Crowder College in Neosha.

"I love Crowder, but I also really enjoyed Missouri Southern. I enjoyed my instructors and the other students," she said.

There is a mutual respect between Durham and her instructors.

"She is very bright and very intuitive," said one of Durham's

invorite instructors. Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history. "She has all the qualities that make for an excellent learner." Durham is currently student teaching at Neosho Junior

High. Upon graduation on May 17, she hopes to find a job within driving distance of her home. When Durham entered college, she decided to give up the sign shop she ran. In this shop, she sold wooden signs and

cards she painted and airbrushed.

Aside from painting, Durham enjoys time with her husband, her 8year-old daughter, and their three horses. She also enjoys writing.

"In the future. I'd like to write biographies and novels, II I can find the time," Durham said.

Durham has also written children's stones for her daughter.

College has not only been a positive experience for Durham but also for her daughter.

"My daughter has gone to a couple of classes with me," she said. "She liked college better than elementary school, but she asked me 'Mommy, are you the biggest in your class?"

Durham attributes her success to

hard work. This hard work often results in a little shopping. Sometimes you have to reward yourself, and that helps keep your determination up," Durham said.

"It takes a lot of determination.



TOP 25 SENIORS



Tammy Miller (right), senior education major, talks with Dr. Deborah Pulliam. assistant. professor of education. Miller belleves nothing DOI 100 difficult to accomplish, no matter what the task.

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More than teaching the ABCs

Miller hopes to influence children through education

BY BETH HAMILTON

CHART REPORTER

reaching and influencing children in an amazing responsibility, according to Tammy Miller, education major.

Miller is currently student-teaching fifth grade at Neosho Middle School, where the children have been learning about the Civil War.

The kids read the Gettysburg Address in unison, and it just kind of gave me a chill," she said.

"They don't really know what all it means, but this is where they're going to learn to have a love for their counby:

"A teacher has an awesome responsibility to make them appreciate those words, she explains.

Miller is excited about becoming a teacher, but in some ways she regrets getting a late start.

Sometimes I think that I could have gone right to college from high school and could have been teaching for years now. But I'm glad, too, that I did it this way because Igot to spend time with my kids when they were little."

Her family consists of her husband, Fred, and four children: Joel, 20; Lacy, 17; Matthew, 15; and Brittany, 9. She also has a new grandchild of two months, Aspyn, who is Lacy's daughter.

Miller manages to keep a 3.95 grade-point average despite the claims made on her time. What's the secret to per success?

"I study a lot. My family says I don't have a life," she

Also taking up time are her extra-curricular activities.

She is involved in many organizations including SMSTA. liked entering the education program at Missouri the International Reading Association. World Issues for Southern because she has remained with many of the Study at Educators, Kappa Delta Phi, and Alpha Chi. She teaches Sunday school and Bible school at the Church of Christ in Seneca, where she is a member.

She also has worked as an orthodontist's assistant for many years.

Her favorité class was Micro-teaching with Dr. Doreen Vicitez, assistant professor of education. It's an education class where one teaches into a video camera and the group critiques.

"It's [the class] I most dreaded, and then it turned out to the most fun," she said.

She says her toughest class was Geometry.

"Math is my weak subject."

One of her favorite instructors was Dr. Jane Scholl, assistant professor of education, who was also her advis-

"She was really willing to help." Miller says.

"She would tell many personal stories in class, and she is interested in students."

Scholl also praised Miller. Tammy has a fine mix of characteristics that will enhance her as a teacher," she said. 'She is vibrant, dedicated, capable, and she will be a true asset #1 the teaching profession."

Miller also attended Crowder College in Neosho. She

same students in her classes.

"The last day of classes (at Crowder) we exchanged phone numbers so we could stay in touch."

Miller also likes the programs Southern has to offer. She traveled to Oxford for three weeks last summer and went

> to Washington, D.C. for four days in October

> She says the whole classroom setting and atmosphere were IIIIferent iii Oxford.

"The classes have tutors," she said

There were seven people as my class, and we would sit around on couches and discuss things."

In Washington, D.C., the Southern students who participated were placed in intercity schools.

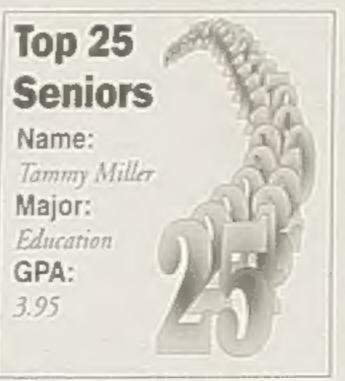
She said it was a different scene than she was used to.

Miller would like to get a job teaching fifth grade somewhere in the area.

She has advice for students who want III do well in school and in life. "It's iii in how much effort you want to put out," she says.

"Nothing is too hard; it's just the amount of time and effort you want to put into it.

"I tell that to my fifth graders." []



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